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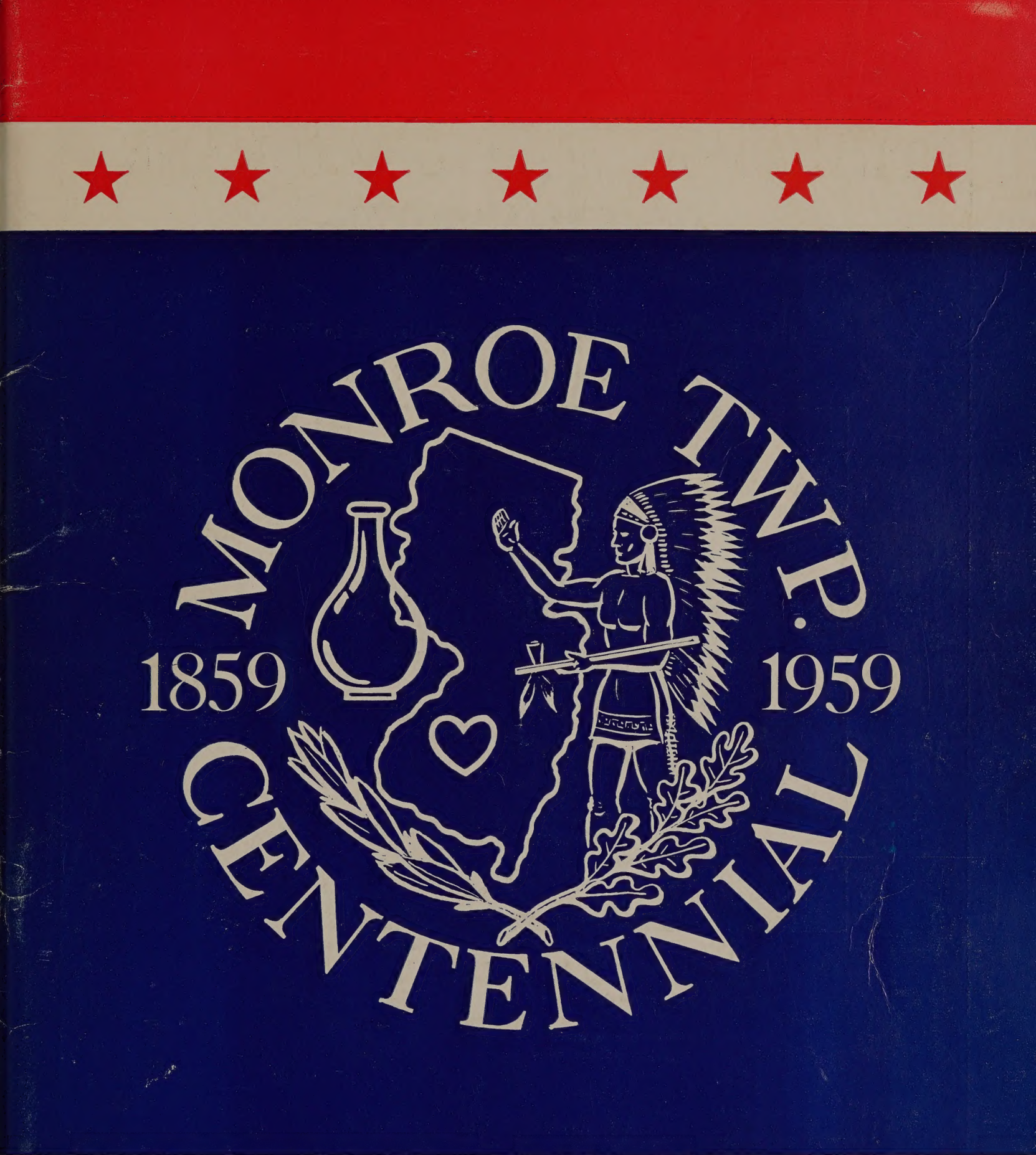

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF WILLIAMSTOWN

Joins With the Community in Congratulations to Monroe Township on One Hundred Years of Progress

Since the establishment of this bank 55 years ago, it has been the sincere endeavor of its officers and directors to promote the business and well-being of the people of this community.

How well this ideal has been achieved the record of the years will bear witness, as well as will the individuals, business men and the farmers who have received help and friendly council from this bank.

It is upon this record of service that this bank hopes to merit the continued good will, patronage and confidence of the good people of this community.

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WE CELEBRATE

Anniversaries are hilltop times. We stand and look back to see where we have been, and how far we have come, in order to appreciate where we are. It is a time of self appraisal, and, often, a time of human, forgivable self-congratulation. The story of where we have been, how far we have come, and where we stand today is worthy of a far weightier publication. This booklet can provide only a sketch, drawn swiftly in broad strokes; it may stimulate the imagination to fill in a more complete picture.

We celebrate, this year, the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Monroe Township. Against the vast backdrop of earth's recorded history, a hundred years is a mere heartbeat. Why, then should we celebrate?

In 1859, a five-foot-five Frenchman, nicknamed Blondin, walked from the United States to Canada across a rope cable stretched 240 feet above the ravening waters of Niagara Falls. Napoleon III was making unwilling agreement to a united Italy. Darwin was publishing his shocking "Origin of the Species". Col. Edwin Drake struck oil in Pennsylvania, untamed Oregon became a state, 3-year old Woodrow played on the floor of the Wilson home. In Springfield, Illinois, a man named Abraham Lincoln paced in debate whether to become a candidate for the presidency.

In the new township, these were prosperous times. Joel Bodine and Sons and the Isabella Glass Works were both doing well. Abijah Hewitt, a township committeeman who was handy with a trowel, built a new stone schoolhouse in Cross Keys. A new church was opening it's doors in New Brooklyn.

In 1859, a historian named Thomas Macauley died, but not before he had written, "The circumstances which have the most influence on the happiness of mankind, the changes of manners and morals, the transition of communities from poverty to wealth, from ignorance to knowledge, from ferocity to humanity — these are, for the most part, noiseless revolutions . . . They are carried on in every school, in every church, behind ten thousand counters, at ten thousand firesides."

Why celebrate? Because this is our story, too. Because we are in a slightly better position than our forebears to contribute to the noiseless revolution in things that really count. We have made a beginning. We have gained a precious inch in the right direction. We rejoice in our material advances, yes, but we know that a mushroom-shaped cloud can wipe these out in a moment. Ideas are more durable. It is more valid to take solemn joy in the advances, which at the same time are infinitely smaller and infinitely greater: advances in human happiness, knowledge, morals, spirituality, tolerance, brotherly love — in short, advances in the enduring and priceless things that really count. From our hilltop of 1959, we can see that these, indeed, are cause to celebrate.

MONROE TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

THE COVER

The Centennial seal on the cover was designed by Constance Mongelli, winner of a contest between the school children of Monroe Township. Symbolized, is the location of the township in the heart of South Jersey, the original friendly Indian inhabitants, the early glass industry, the olive branch of peace, and the strength of the oak.

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DAMON BECKET PFEIFFER, M. D.

Born Williamstown, New Jersey, December 23, 1878.
Son of George Leifried Pfeiffer and Sarah Emma (Ireland) Pfeiffer.

Graduate of Williamstown Public Schools, Pennington Seminary 1897, William Penn Charter School 1898, Princeton University 1902, John Hopkins Medical School 1906.

Director, The Pfeiffer Surgical Clinic, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pa.; Associate Professor of Surgery, Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania; Former Director of Laboratories, Lankenau & Presbyterian Hospitals; Surgeon-in-Chief, Methodist Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, Lankenau Hospital, Abington Memorial Hospital.

Member of: International Societe de Chirougie—Americal Surgical Association—Fellow, American College of Surgeons—Associate Member American Proctologic Society — Former President Philadelphia Academy of Surgery—American Medical Association —State and County organizations, etc.

A True Benefactor for Monroe Township—Dr. Pfeiffer has contributed generously to many a worthy cause in our Township. He engaged The National Recreation Assn. to survey the recreation needs of the Township. He contributed to the Library building through the association, the Youth Center through the Youth Center Corporation, the paved area behind the Junior High School, and the kitchen equipment in the Junior High School through the P.T.A. He purchased and paid for the development of the present park ground and deeded it to the Township. He contributed to the Little League and sponsored a team, and also contributed to the Babe Ruth League.

Dr. Pfeiffer purchased the playground equipment for the Park, the wading pool, the tennis courts and the building in the park, the lighted paved area in the Park that is used for ice-skating in the wintertime and the play area in the summer, and many other worthy projects too numerous to mention.

Our HEARTY THANKS to a man so gracious and generous to Monroe Township. He shall always be remembered.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Painted by Furman J. Finck, 1945

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History Of Monroe Township

Monroe is the northeast corner township of Gloucester County, bounded on the northeast and east by Camden County, southeast by Atlantic County, southwest by Franklin Twp. and Clayton Borough, and on the north and northwest by Washington Township. Known in earlier days as one of the "pine townships", most of the pine timber has long since disappeared. Monroe Township is drained on the east by Four Mile Branch and Squankum Branch of the Great Egg Harbor River, on the south by White Hall and Hospitality Branches, and on the southwest by Scotland Run.

The communities of Cecil, Cross Keys, Downer, New Brooklyn, Robanna, Victory Lakes and Williamstown all lie within the boundaries of Monroe Township. The largest of these is Williamstown, which is the center for township activities. The principal highway is the Black Horse Pike, connecting Camden and Atlantic City, and running through the center of the township from end to end. The estimated population of the township is 10,000 persons.

Long before white men settled in what is now Monroe Township, Lenni-Lenape Indians, also known as Delawares, hunted game in its woods and fished its streams. It was a plentiful hunting ground, and when the men with pale faces began to settle in it, they did so with little or no opposition from the inhabitants. The Indians seemed to feel that there was sufficient abundance for all, and simply made room for the newcomers. Most of the South Jersey red men were friendly with the whites. The few exceptions were provoked by white men who abducted Indian women and children into slavery.

In 1959, there are few existing legacies remaining from these Lenni-Lenape inhabitants. "Squankum," an old Indian name meaning "Place of Evil Gods," was used by whites for a hundred years as the name of the first settlement within the township, and lives on today as the name of a branch of the Great Egg Harbor River. (It is assumed that the "Evil Gods" referred to above were the mosquitoes, so numerous in this area.)

The first survey of record in the vicinity was made by Henry Roe, October 13, 1726, for 121 acres on "Cedar Swamp." Other early surveys, recorded in 1737 at Burlington, then the seat of government for West Jersey, covered 1200 acres at "Egypt," out the present Clayton Road, and 1442 acres between Cecil and Williamstown. John, Thomas and Richard Penn owned several large tracts of land within today's township boundaries. A Penn survey of 1000 acres covering the major part of what is now Williamstown, was recorded in 1742. Parcels of 1900 and 1136 acres were recorded the following year. A 200-acre plot is not dated.

The Penns deeded the 1000-acre tract to Israel Williams, but the records do not show the exact date. The 1136-acre plot and other tracts were deeded by the Penns to several parties in 1772, and it is presumed that they were disposing of their holdings in this area at that time. It is known that Israel Williams deeded his land to a son John in 1783, and it was John who divided up the land and sold it in lots and farms.

When the Monroe Township area of today was first settled, it was part of Deptford Township, and remained so until 1836, when Washington Township was formed. Deptford and Washington Townships were both part of old Gloucester County. In 1844, residents of Camden City applied to the State Legislature to set off the townships of Camden, Newton, Waterford, Union, Delaware and Gloucester into a new county to be called Camden.

A member of the Legislature, who lived in Williamstown, strenuously opposed the move until the bill included Washington Township, after which he changed his vote and the bill passed. In the struggle which ensued for the location of county buildings, Camden was victorious.

While the people of New Brooklyn, Cecil and Williamstown remained in Washington Township, voters were obliged to go to Cross Keys for elections and town meetings. When the voting population reached 450, it was thought that there were too few offices to be divided among so many, and it was decided to form a new township. Application was made to the State Legislature early in 1859, the township of Monroe was created, and Williamstown was designated as the place for elections and town meetings. Minutes of the first meeting and election held in Williamstown are dated March 9, 1859. It is this milestone of one hundred years ago that we are celebrating this year.

Monroe Township was part of Camden County until 1872, when it was found that Gloucester County was about to lose one member of the Legislature, and Hudson County would gain one. Investigation showed the politicians of the day that annexing Monroe and Washington Townships to Gloucester County would save her the member, and not injure Camden County. A bill to that effect was passed, and the people of Monroe and Washington Townships again found themselves in old Gloucester County, where it has remained these 88 years.

WILLIAMSTOWN—The first evidence of settlement in what was known as Squankum, is found by references in later deeds to the Charles Brockden location recorded in 1737. In 1758, reference is made to a road leading from Squankum to White Hall Mill, the necessity for a road indicating that people lived in that area. From the meager information available, it is thought that the small settlement was composed of a few log houses, and that these early occupants made their living by hunting and logging.

By 1800, there were only four or five houses in Squankum village, and these were widely scattered, mostly on the ground divided from the old Williams Survey by John Williams. In 1836, Squankum had grown to contain two taverns, three stores, a Methodist Church, a glassworks, and about sixty dwellings. A few farms were in the vicinity. When the Bodines first came to Squankum in 1839, two blacksmith shops, and two shoemaker shops had been added, and it is recorded that there were thirty-five single houses and four double houses. This apparent discrepancy in the number of dwellings may have been due to differing concepts of the area counted as part of the village.

There was no Post Office in Squankum until 1842. By reason of being on the stage routes from Camden and Woodbury to Mays Landing and Cape May, Cross Keys was the place for mail deliveries and for town meetings. The growing number of residents tired of the inconvenience of traveling to Cross Keys three times a week for their mail, and a group of men appealed to postal authorities for an office in Squankum. They soon learned that a Squankum village and Post Office already exsited in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and that it would be necessary to use a different name. A public meeting was called for the purpose, Paul Sears was appointed Chairman, and it was he who suggested that the name Williamstown be chosen after the founder, Israel Williams. This suggestion was adopted, the town was renamed, and the new Williamstown Post Office was established.

The prevalence of good silica beds in the area accounted for the numerous little glass factories in and around Williamstown. As glass works increased in number, the blowers, and frequently the managers, migrated from one factory to another. It was common to find a group of money lenders simultaneously controlling five or six of these undertakings. The Whitneys, Woodward Warrick, J. Izard, the Synotts, Jacob Guggenheimer and the Bodines loaned money or bought stock in this or that enterprise.

The first glass-house in Williamstown was erected in 1835 by a stock company composed of Richard H. Tice, Jacob Ewan, Isaac Dill, Samuel P. Tice, Mattias Simmerman, John T. Brown, John E. Ayers and Joshua Eldridge. They bought a six-acre plot in the center of town, at a cost of five dollars an acre, and called their project the Free Will Glass Manufactory. This plant was located along present day Chestnut Street between Main Street and Blue Bell Road. Operations started in the fall of 1835, and bottles from half-dram to two-gallon size were blown.

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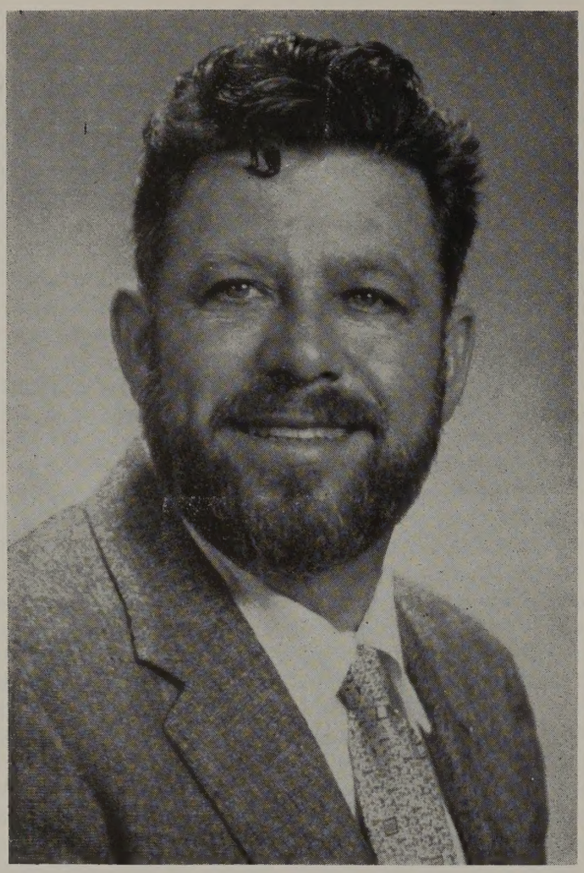

Howard L. Brown

General Chairman

Monroe Township Centennial

Committee

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Thomas H. Matese, chairman. Committee: Ecle L. DeL Conte, Donald L. Hoffman, Raymond Pihs, Albert E. Franke, George C. Turner, John A. Gellert, Mike J. Lanzalotti, Fred Cinque.

I wish to thank Albert O. Banse for re-writing the History of Monroe Township from the material Howard L. Brown previously prepared; George Hagaman for all art work; Harrison Marshall for photographic work; Earl Groves, William F. Milam, Margaret Farley and Risti Jo Talbott for the assistance in the preparation of material for this Souvenir Program, and all others who contributed money and effort.

JAMES S. TALBOTT

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The organizers of the glass firm sold their interests to William Nicholson and dissolved the company. Nicholson assumed all obligations, paid $1,425 cash for the works, and gave bond for $4,275. In the same year he sold an interest in the concern to John Swope and Benjamin Smith. Woodward Warrick acquired an eighth-interest a short time later.

Nicholson retained the controlling shares, and the house operated successfully until the depression of 1837 forced it into bankruptcy. The property was purchased by John Swope, Joseph Izard, Gabriel Izard and John F. Bodine. In a year or two the firm was known as Bodine & Black, and by 1841, Bodine and William Coffin, Jr., were running the works under the name of William Coffin, Jr., & Co. Bodine next ran the factory alone until 1846, when it closed for a period of ten years. In 1856, Bodine set it in operation again in connection with his Washington Glass Works.

Joel Bodine had erected the Washington Glass Works in 1839, directly across the road from the Free Will plant. With his three sons—Joel A., William H. and John F.—he founded the firm of Joel Bodine & Sons. They operated successfully until 1864, when the Civil War disrupted their business. Walter R. Thomas bought an interest in the plant, and under the name Williamstown Glass Manufacturing Co., the business was incorporated and ran until about 1917.

The Bodines specialized in patent medicine bottles and druggists' wares, making numerous bottles for London Mustard, Turlington's Balsam, Godfrey's Cordial, Opodeldoc Bitters and other preparations. Their "green and white glass-ware, pickle and preserve jars, druggists' vials and bottles, wine, porter and mineral water bottles" were merchandised from Thomas Bodine & Co.'s agency at 807 Market Street, Philadelphia. Shipments were made to all parts of the United States and Canada, but principally to New York, Pennsylvania, the New England and Southern states.

A second industry that has contributed to the material wealth of Williamstown is that of canning fruits and produce. As nearly as can be ascertained, the John V. Sharp Canning Co. began in a kitchen somewhere between 1865 and 1870. This place was located on the point formed by the junction of Clayton Road and Glassboro Road at Main Street. Vegetables were being packed in cans, and some people objected to a real or fancied peculiar taste from the tin, solder and flux. Sharp is believed to have been the first to conceive the idea of packing tomatoes in bottles where the contents could be seen and no foreign matter could affect the taste.

The glass container was like a round quart whiskey bottle with a narrow neck, and was closed with a cork stopper driven in tightly to keep the air out. Business grew, and the orders for bottles from the local Bodine, Thomas Glass Co. increased. Interested, the Bodine family negotiated with Sharp and formed a closed corporation profitable to both families.

The completion of the Williamstown Railroad Company's line to Atco, in 1872, probably led to the purchase of land along Railroad Avenue. A new building was completed there in 1883, and the packing of tomatoes was begun that same year. A disagreement between the owners led to a split, but the firm continued to operate under the name of J. V. Sharp Canning Co.

In 1906, George Pfeiffer, lifelong resident, bought all of the stock of the company. The new owner was mechanically inclined and improved and invented machines to operate more efficiently. In 1943, the plant was sold to three Sozzi brothers, who operated under the name of Fontana-Hollywood. Two years later, the Scalfani family purchased the factory and modernized it. Today this firm is a leader among the small packing plants of New Jersey, and the Violet Brand is well known in the trade as a reliable product.

Charles Raab, Sr., established the town's second canning plant in 1910. This factory was operated by his son, Charles, Jr., until 1936. It was located near the Sharp cannery, but on Clayton Road. Tomatoes, tomato products, preserves, jellies, pickles and relishes were packed here under the Blue Ribbon brand. Workers were "hired" here, in contrast to the Sharp plant, which simply blew the whistle loud and long when they wanted help, and everyone who could manage would drop what they were doing and run to the can house. Raab's 100 women and 25 men were paid twenty-five and thirty cents an hour.

The distinction of being the first organization of its kind in Gloucester County belongs to the Monroe Building and Loan Association. The first meeting was held in 1870, in the hall of Bodine, Thomas & Co., the glass manufacturers, and two Bodines were among the association's first officers. At first, no person was permitted to own more than 20 shares of stock at $1 per share, and the association could not exceed 1,000 shares. Later, this was increased to 5,000 shares, but in 1959 there is no limit. The organization maintains its office in the old, but well-kept Post Office building on Main Street opposite the present Municipal Hall. The Monroe Building and Loan has helped many hard-working, dependable people in this area to build homes and to improve local properties.

A comparatively recent industry is that of the Williamstown Foundry, originally built in 1919, just after World War I. It was started as a small jobbing foundry with a 30 inch cupola capable of melting approximately two tons of iron per hour. Ideally located on a branch line of the Reading Railroad, much of the raw material was delivered by rail and unloaded on a siding laid for foundry use. At that time, the railroad provided both passenger and freight service over a branch line from Williamstown Junction to Mullica Hill. At Williamstown Junction, the tracks joined the main line of the Reading making service available directly to the Reading Ferry Terminal in Camden.

After about four years of operation, a Pennsylvania group purchased the plant with the intention of producing cast iron soil pipe. A 62 inch cupola was installed and several additions were made to existing buildings for expanded production. George Hilbert, of Reading, Pa., was put in charge of foundry operations. Soil pipe was produced until 1928, when a nearby building was secured and a large proportion of the foundry output was converted to lamp bases. Two years later, Fleck Brothers, plumbing supply wholesalers, purchased controlling interest, and production was reverted exclusively to soil pipe and fittings for the plumbing trade. Depression-born losses in sales and production sent the business into the hands of receivers early in 1934.

After a year of idleness, the plant was purchased by Walter Schaufler, of Philadelphia, and put back into operation. A policy of manufacturing only high quality products was adopted and has been maintained ever since. By 1939, operations had been expanded by the addition of a new wing and a new office. While a rail siding connecting with Williamstown Junction remained, by this time most raw materials and finished products were moved by motor freight.

World War II reduced the supplies of raw materials and labor so sharply that in 1942 the plant was compelled to close once again. During all these years, George Hilbert had been in charge of the foundry's operations, and in 1945 he was once again called upon to help reopen the plant with a skeleton crew. These were difficult times with acute shortages in raw materials forcing the importation of pig iron from Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Australia and Spain.

A new 84 inch cupola with an automatic skip hoist charger was installed in 1951, eliminating much of the hand labor formerly required to charge the cupola. Today 85 to 100 men are engaged in the production of cast iron soil pipe and fittings which are sold from Maine to Florida.

The first bank in Williamstown was started April 5, 1904, when a group of townspeople got together to propose the establishment of such a place for the convenience of local farmers and tradesmen. The population at that time was about 1,000 persons.

The initial meeting of subscribers to capital stock was held in the old frame Town Hall on Main Street, where the present Municipal Hall now stands. William Bodine, retired glass manu-

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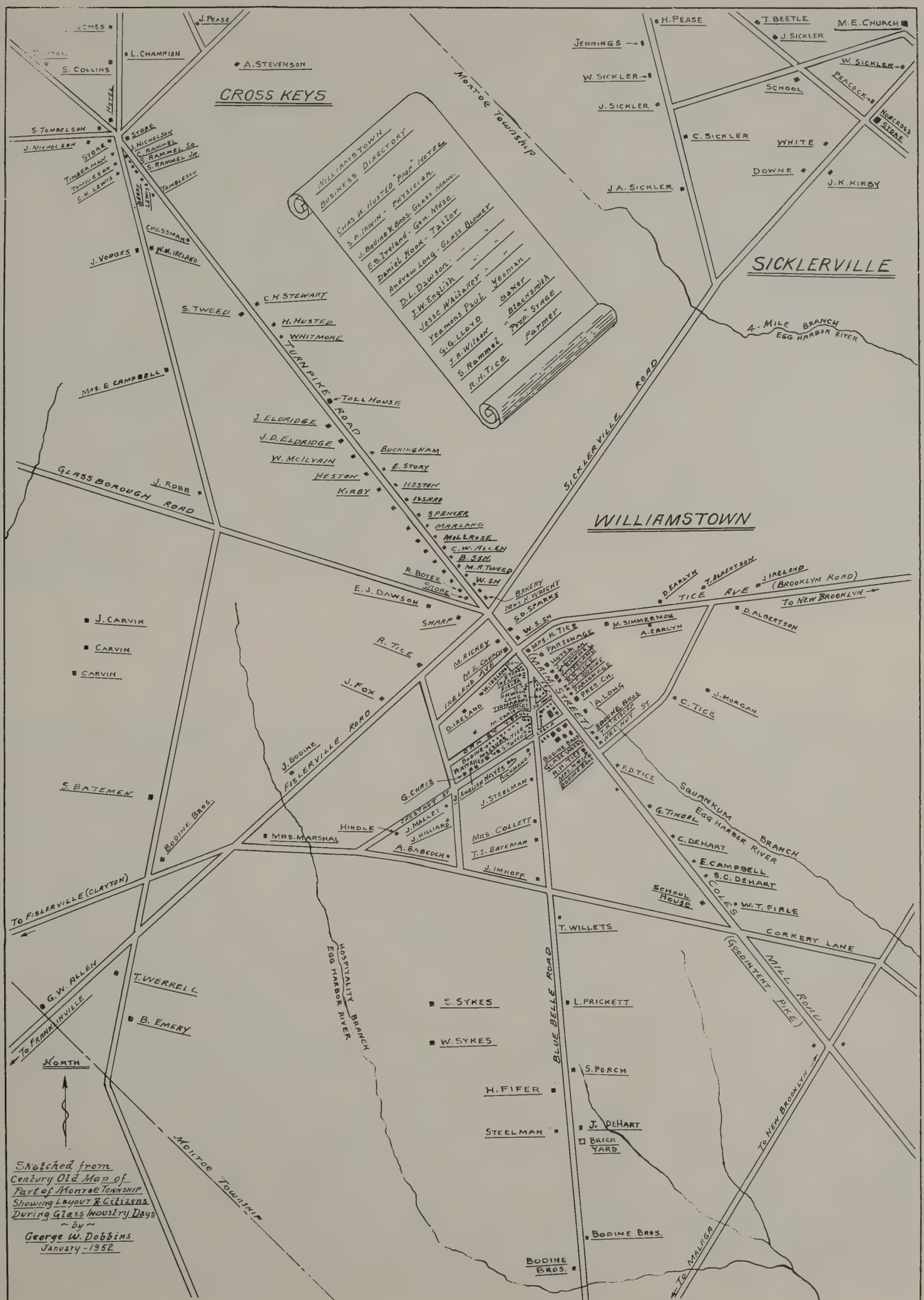

Sketched from Century Old Map of Part of Monroe Township Showing Layout & Citizens During Glass Industry Days
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facturer, was elected President; Dr. Luther H. Halsey, Vice President, and Jan van Herwerden, Cashier. The first Directors were: William R. Andrew, Isaiah Alderman, F. W. Ayer, Luther M. Halsey, Jacob M. Imhoff, Joseph R. Imhoff, J. L. O'Donnell, Peter Peterson, Samuel E. Tombleson and Jan van Herwerden.

Eighteen days later, April 23, the group appointed a committee to secure a suitable central location for the new bank. It was decided to purchase a two-story dwelling from A. F. Cliver for $1,000. This building was located on Main Street, just opposite the Washington Hotel. A safe, books and stationery were purchased at a cost of about $2,200, and Jan van Herwerden moved in as cashier, bookkeeper, and general "office staff." The bank opened for business on May 23, 1904. The first depositor was Melvin Sickler, and the second was Richard H. Tice.

After less than two years of operation, on January 9, 1906, plans were made to erect a new building. Architect Moffit was authorized to draw up plans and specifications, utilizing the triangular piece of land at Main and Blue Bell Streets. The first bank building was moved across Blue Bell Street to clear the way for construction of the new bank, and business continued there until completion of the new building.

The new bank building was and is a sturdy brown brick two-story structure shaped like a flatiron. Fancy iron grillwork adorned the windows, and the interior was finished in natural oak. On March 2, 1907, more than 500 persons attended the opening to inspect the new quarters, and to be greeted by the officers and directors.

William H. Bodine died March 2, 1908, after serving four years as president of the bank. He was succeeded by Dr. L. M. Halsey, who served from 1909 to 1918. S. E. Tombleson headed the organization from 1918 to 1931; then came George L. Pfeiffer from 1931 to 1946. D. Earling Tweed served from 1946 to 1957, and Howard J. Tombleson has been president from 1957 to the present day.

The present building of the First National Bank of Williamstown is on Main Street diagonally opposite the old brick flatiron structure. The new bank is designed to serve the needs of today's customers, providing ample parking space and drive-in window service. It was opened to the public October 28, 1957.

Several early personalities responsible for the success and steady growth of First National give us some interesting sidelights. F. W. Ayer, one of the founders, later established the N. W. Ayer Advertising Agency in Philadelphia, now one of the ten largest advertising agencies in the world. Dr. L. M. Halsey practiced in Williamstown, giving aid and comfort to the sick and needy. He was respected and loved by all who knew him. Edward W. Bok established Curtis Publishing Company, one of the largest houses of its kind in the world. Samuel E. Tombleson at one time was driver on the stage coach line from Cross Keys to Woodbury by way of Blackwood. Even while president of the bank, this humble man can be remembered driving his blue electric automobile around Cross Keys, from street lamp to street lamp, to light the gas lights each evening.

Jan van Herwerden, the "man with the beard," was principally responsible for the bank's sound foundation. He organized the group, sold the stock, and was the majority stockholder. He managed the bank for a salary of $125 per month. His keen sense of business and finance were without parallel. "Mr. Bank," as he was known, left Williamstown in 1912 to continue his banking career in North Jersey.

Although the earliest faith in Williamstown appears to have been that of the Friends or Quakers, the oldest church that has endured to the present day is the Methodist denomination. The history of Methodism dates back as far as 1796, when preaching meetings were held in an old house known as the "Huffsey place" on Clayton Road about one mile out of town.

In 1800 preaching was transferred to Williamstown and the first class was organized with Joseph B. Smallwood as leader. As near as can be ascertained, Thomas Eberhard was the preacher. The house used for meeting was a log schoolhouse that stood on the present site of the Washington Hotel.

John Williams, son of Israel, had set apart three acres of land for school and church purposes, and it was here that the school had been built. However, the property had never been deeded to a board of trustees, and a later owner who was not of the "same persuasion" raised such opposition that the group was compelled to change quarters. They moved to a building that was later used as a hotel, called Paul Sears' Tavern. Here they were not left long in peace, but endured opposition and persecution. They were once beset by a mob and were often reproached with being false prophets, and for preaching a false Christ.

The opposition to the Quakers became so great that in 1803 or 1804 the Society decided to build what became known much later as the Old Church. The size of the structure was 18 by 30 feet, and could not have cost more than $500. The pulpit, about four and a half feet square, was rudely constructed. It was eight feet high, with a board for a desk. The seats were of yellow pine with slat backs. Richard Swain, preacher in charge of the Gloucester circuit, served this church as one of his appointments. The first board of trustees consisted of John Sickler, Joseph B. Smallwood, Joel Wescott, Isaiah Lashley and Henry Craver.

In 1841 or 1842 an attempt was made by circuit preacher Benjamin Reed to secure funds for the erection of a new church. Success did not come until 1844, when the Old Church was removed and a new one built on the same site at the north front of the old graveyard. Williamstown was made a separate charge by the Annual Conference of 1856, held in Newark. In 1858 the apportionment was Williamstown, Chestnut Ridge and Sicklertown. The church at Sicklertown was built in 1859, and the church at Brooklyn was built in the same year.

Methodists in 1859 subscribed $4500 towards a new church at Williamstown. The congregation had outgrown the second building, and the trustees decided to build larger if $5,000 could be raised. Two of the trustees were walking through a piece of woods looking at some timber when their conversation turned to the new church building. Writing down the names of members of the congregation and the sum they thought each should be able to give, they found that the total nearly reached the required amount. They had some blanks printed and one of the trustees took upon himself the task of calling upon each individual. Three, six, nine and twelve month notes were received, all of which, with the exception of one, were paid as agreed. The new church was erected in 1860, and the Town Clock was placed in its tower. In this year the first Methodist parsonage was also built at a cost of $1,202.81. The old church was sold to the township and used as a Town Hall until 1882.

A wind storm in 1878 blew the steeple off the church; turning completely over, it landed with its top struck in the ground. The only other damage to the building was the loss of one brick from the chimney.

In the spring of 1881 the present Methodist cemetery property was purchased and the first interment was made, that of Hester Ann Rickey, in May of that year. The successful maintenance of the project was due to the perseverance and foresight of M. M. Chew, a trustee at that time.

A mission school was established in 1893, and the Oak Street mission chapel was erected in 1906 on a lot donated by the local glass works. The mission building was used by the church for many years. It is still owned by the church, but has been loaned, as a place of meeting, to a Baptist group.

The Williamstown Presbyterian Church was organized September 9, 1840. Prior to that time several Presbyterian families had moved into the village, and finding no Presbyterian preaching here, had sent a request for the organization of a church to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The use of the Methodist Church was granted the group for

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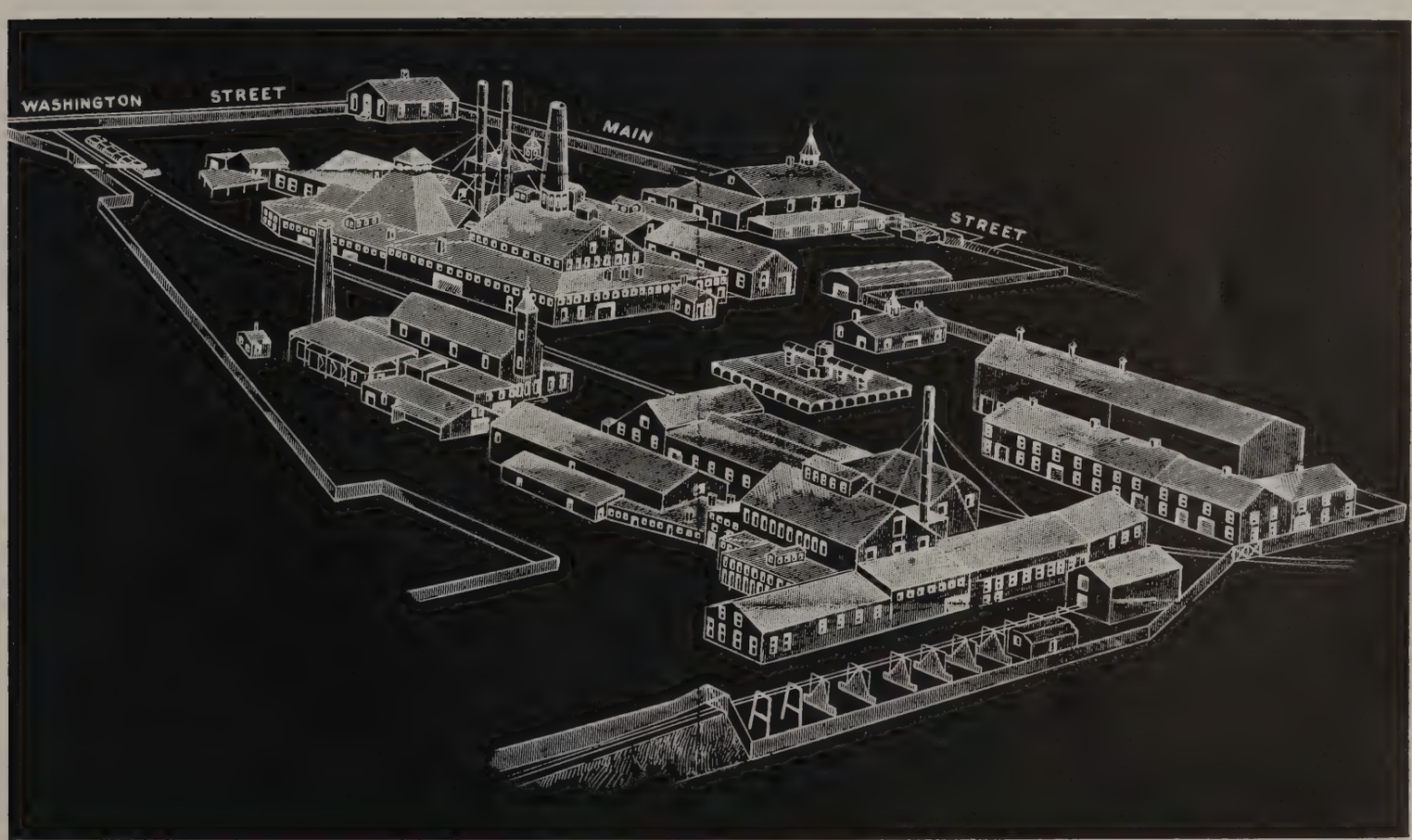
Employees of Williamstown Glass Works pose at side of company store about 1875. "Snapping-up" boys assisted glass blowers. "Doc" Thomas, center front, was Supt. of Works. Child in white, left front, was Herbert Garwood.



Old engraving of Williamstown Glass Works as it existed about 100 years ago.

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a time. Several services were held there, resulting in the organization of a church of five members: John McClure, Mrs. John McClure, William Tweed, James Tweed and Benjamin Harding. The first ruling elders were John McClure and Benjamin Harding.

The Presbyterians struggled forward through many discouragements, being for months at a time without a preacher. Reverend Peck and Reverend Smythe each served the church for a few Sabbaths at different times, but it was nearly three years before a steady Pastor was secured.

Meanwhile, however, good progress had been made. The cornerstone of a church building was laid in July, 1841, and the church was dedicated in May of the following year. The cost of this church, with its lot, was $2,400, of which $1,000 was raised at the time of dedication. Thomas B. Wood, Abel Babcock, Richard H. Tice, James McClure, Thomas Black and Thomas Marshall were the Trustees under whose care the church was built.

The Rev. Charles E. Ford, first Pastor of the church, took charge in April, 1843, and served with distinction for twenty-five years. Under his earnest efforts the church began an era of steady growth. The initial debt of $1,400 was cleared within a few years, and new members were gathered into the church year after year.

Through constant increase, the original building became too small for the congregation. One hundred years ago, in 1859, the church was enlarged at a cost of $3,000.

Besides being Pastor of the church, Reverend Ford held meetings at Fislertown (Clayton), Franklinville, Long-a-Coming (Berlin), Bunker Hill and other towns, including ten places in all. In addition, he made visitations to homes scattered throughout this area and to the huts of the charcoal burners. One of the elders who accompanied him used to say, "I wish you women could see the nice meals we receive."

In that long-ago day of mule transportation, some of the people drove as far as six to nine miles to church. One mule used to "hee haw" all through the service to the delight of the children. There are records of the Lord's Supper being postponed on account of bad weather, and once the rite was held on a certain date to accommodate a certain family who had not been able to attend for many months.

Through the years that followed Mr. Ford's pastorate, other preachers came and went. The church won some gains and suffered some losses, but the trend was always toward the better, and in 1911 plans for a new Presbyterian church building were started under the direction of the Rev. H. G. McCool. The Building Committee, headed by Harry Bateman, struggled heroically to raise money, make plans, and decide on endless details.

The cornerstone was laid on April 30, 1912. From a jar taken from the old cornerstone, were a Bible, Confession of Faith, and a newspaper of 1841. To this were added a list of the current officers, a history of the church, local newspapers of 1912, plus a list of those who had contributed to the building fund up to that date. The whole was placed in the new cornerstone.

One year later, April 30, 1913, the church was dedicated with services on Saturday and Sunday. Three thousand dollars remained to be raised, and at the Sunday service $4,400 was pledged, part of which was paid then and there. Among the gifts received was a check for $1,000 from a nephew of Reverend Ford, the first pastor.

In 1940 the one-hundredth birthday of the Presbyterian Church was celebrated with appropriate services. Now, well into its second century of service, the church continues a strong force for good in the community.

The first Roman Catholic Mass to be celebrated in Williamstown was offered Christmas Day in 1903, by the Rev. Gerald Christiana of Vineland. It was offered in the old Town Hall, at Main and Hall Streets in the hope that those attending would become imbued with a determination to plan for a Catholic Church in Williamstown. Prior to this time, the Roman Catholics of Williamstown and vicinity were accustomed to attend Mass in Glassboro, West Berlin and Hammonton.

In 1905, Frank Weirich, Sr., Joseph Gargano, Samuel Lanzalotti, Sr., and Andrew Carone called on Bishop James A. McFaul, the Ordinary of Trenton Diocese, for permission to purchase an old Post Office building, and in addition, a strip of land on New Brooklyn Road at Washington Avenue. They were secured for $500. A foundation was laid at the New Brooklyn Road site by Mr. Peterson, and the newly purchased building was placed on it in 1906.

Weirich, learning of a fire that partly destroyed St. Francis Xavier Church in Philadelphia, journeyed there and obtained from the pastor, the Rev. Edward A. Keeland, the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and some pews. Weirich and his son, Frank, Jr., removed them to their homes, repaired them and placed them in the new church building.

The church was given the name of St. Mary's of the Assumption, and was assigned as a mission of St. Joseph's Church, Hammonton, in charge of the Rev. Joseph Transerici of the Society of the Pious Missions. Bishop McFaul laid the cornerstone and dedicated the church in July, 1906. The choir of St. Bridget's, Glassboro, sang.

The Rev. Joseph Riedl of St. Joseph's, Hammonton, subsequently was assigned charge of St. Mary's until 1908, when the mission was transferred to the charge of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Camden, under the Rev. Michael DiElsi.

In April, 1909, St. Mary's was made a parish, and the Rev. Nazareth Sagatori was named first pastor. He was succeeded, in 1910, by the Rev. Anthony Corsia. In 1911 the Rev. Vincent Donati was appointed pastor. In 1913, St. Mary's was reassigned as a mission of Mt. Carmel in Camden under the charge of the Fathers of the Most Holy Trinity, with the Rev. Thomas Parenti as acting pastor.

With the consecration of Bishop Thomas J. Walsh as Bishop of Trenton, St. Mary's again was returned to mission status, in 1918. It was assigned to Mt. Carmel Church, Berlin, and was in charge of the Rev. Patrick Kennedy and the Rev. Thomas Gribbin until 1923. In May of that year, St. Mary's again was named a parish, and the Rev. Aloysius D. McCue, who later became a Right Reverend Monsignor, was appointed pastor. Father McCue was the first American-born priest to head St. Mary's.

Parishioners were increasing and Father McCue obtained permission to celebrate Mass in the Williamstown Opera House, a motion picture house, where more room was available. This continued until 1925. In November, 1923, Father McCue purchased the Carroll Estate, site of the present St. Mary's Church, for $8,000. With 300 feet frontage on Main Street and 500 on Carroll Avenue, he then started a building fund campaign.

Excavation for the new church, erected for $25,000, was begun in April, 1925, and Bishop Walsh laid the cornerstone on Labor Day that same year. A residence on the former Carroll property became the rectory. St. Mary's parishioners were greatly grieved at the subsequent transfer of Father McCue, who was named pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Mt. Holly, in 1929.

Bishop John J. McMahon, then Bishop of Trenton, appointed the Rev. Louis Cogan as pastor of St. Mary's. He remained for six years during the height of the depression, and succeeded in reducing the parish debt by $1,500. During this time Father Cogan was saddened by the robbery of sacred vessels from the altar. In 1935 he was transferred to the pastorate of St. Gabriel's Church, Bradevelt.

The Rev. Francis J. Cosgrove was named Pastor of St. Mary's, January 19, 1935, by Bishop Moses Elias Kiley, of Trenton. Father Cosgrove came to the parish during one of its darkest hours—depression, no treasury, unproductive farms and little or no industry. The new pastor succeeded in obtaining four Sisters of the Atonement who took up residence in Williamstown, and worked effectively, particularly among the children, for four years. In

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OLD TIMERS GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE H. T. HURFF STORE IN CROSS KEYS

Front Row (left to right): Peter Cheeseman, traveling butcher; John C. Curry, farmer; Richard Fisler, butcher; Sylvestus Tombleson, blacksmith's assistant; Harry Tombleson, blacksmith's assistant; William Garrigues, farmer; C. S. Prosser, storekeeper; Allen T. Hurff, farmer, later storekeeper; Michael Tombleson, blacksmith. Back Row (left to right): Washington Roun, farmer; Elisha Clark, farmer; George Zell, teacher; Hiram Hurff, retired storekeeper; Daniel Hulitt, laborer; Wilbert H. Hurff, storekeeper; David Roun, farmer; George Harper, farmer; Jeremiah S. Wheeler, farmer, later storekeeper.

Store building still stands at intersection of Tuckahoe and Glassboro Rds., Cross Keys. (Photo taken about 1895.)

Alice Bugbee and friends at her home on Hall St. Members of her family taught in Williamstown schools for many years.

Dr. Luther B. Halsey, in carriage, and hostler in front of doctor's home. Occupied by Bell's Funeral Home, Main St., today.

The first motorized physician in Monroe Township, Dr. Horace Fooder with his son, Elwood.

Williamstown's first fire-fighting wagon, pulled by manpower. Earlier equipment was a water barrel on wheels. Station was next to present VFW hall, Library St.

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1949, Father Cosgrove purchased a lodge building on Library Street to be used as a Parochial School. The building and renovations cost $50,000. Also purchased was a house on South Main Street for a convent at a cost of $5000. The school and convent were dedicated by His Excellency The Most Reverend Bartholomew J. Eustace, first Bishop of Camden, in October, 1949.

During previous years Father Cosgrove had succeeded in removing all the $30,000 debt of the parish. St. Mary's School, to which Father Cosgrove added a $10,000 extension in 1952, is staffed by the Sisters of St. Dominic, St. Catherine, Kentucky. Father Cosgrove also has developed at St. Mary's a beautiful shrine and many statues on the grounds, which attract thousands of visitors every year. It is often a place of pilgrimage for groups throughout the diocese.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized October 31, 1897, by a group of German settlers living in and around Williamstown. It is also significant to note that in the years prior to 1897, services were held in various homes by Nicholas Gable, a local lay preacher. Charter members of the congregation were Helena Archer, William Archer, John Baum, Louis Bettinger, Sophie Bettinger, Christian Braun, Jacob Fred Errig, Karl Errig, Sr., Charles Errig, Jr., W. Fabel, J. M. Grace, Christian Hertkorn, Charles Knecht, Immanuel Kurtz, Ernest Raschkaff, Gottlieb Reutter, William Schiess, Martin Schneider and Frederick Schoen.

A certificate of incorporation for "St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williamstown, New Jersey" was filed with the County Clerk at Woodbury on April 30, 1898. The first church was built on what is now the Black Horse Pike at Corkery Lane. St. John's cemetery remains at this site. The cornerstone was laid on July 10, 1898, and the Rev. Henry Mette, pastor of the St. James Church of Folsom, served as the first pastor of St. John's.

On December 28, 1911, the men of the church organized and incorporated a Maennerchor Singing Society. J. Fred Errig, the only living charter member of the church, was elected the first president of the society.

The New Jersey State Highway Department began surveying and purchasing land for what is now the Black Horse Pike, in 1928. Finding that old St. John's was in the proposed right of way, church officials were given the option of moving the building or having it torn down. It was decided to build a new church, this time nearer the center of town. Ground and the present Lutheran parsonage were purchased on South Main Street for $5,000. The new church was built at a cost of $13,000. Interim meetings were held in a rented home at Main Street and Garwood Avenue. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on September 1, 1929.

St. John's and St. James split the Folsom-Williamstown Parish, and in 1951 St. John's called its first full-time pastor, Rev. W. Robert Oswald. In March of 1954, the church bought the George Dobbins property next to the church in an expansion move forced by a crowded Sunday School. Plans were made for an Educational Building, and while this was under construction, the Dobbins house was used for Sunday School rooms.

The new Educational Building cornerstone was laid in November, 1955. It is a two-story building, 32 by 80 feet, with an 18 by 48-foot wing, and was erected at a cost of $43,000. The present number of communicant members of the church is about 260.

In June, 1959, St. John's welcomed its second full-time pastor, Rev. Elwood K. Healy, who was installed by Dr. E. H. Knudten, president of the New Jersey Lutheran Synod.

There were schools in Monroe Township long before the township was created. In Squankum, the exact date of the first log cabin one-room school is not known, but it stood on Main Street on the present site of the Washington Hotel, was 20 feet square, and had a large fireplace. It is thought that this building was erected about 1750.

The first schoolmaster of record was Major John Tice, who was with General George Washington at Valley Forge, and who returned home with wounds. A descendant states, "I don't think he had much learning, but as he could do nothing else they made a teacher of him". These were evidently the days of the three L's — Licker, Lickens and Larnin', for an old history states that, in many cases, the "first requisite for a candidate for school teaching was to take the school trustees to the town tavern and treat them to their satisfaction".

Among the boys and girls who trudged to school in all kinds of weather, some walking miles, were probably George Washington Williams, Patience Sears, Rosanna Swope, Sarah Sykes, Jacob DeHart, and other names now recorded on the gravestones of the old Methodist cemetery. A member of the Williams family told of her ancestors walking to school barefoot in pleasant weather, carrying their much prized shoes, to be put on before entering the schoolhouse.

Reading and spelling were also taught in connection with the churches. A "Sunday-School Spelling and Reading Book" dated 1835 begins with the alphebet and ends with four-syllable words. The Bible stories, and religious and moral advice contained in it were quaintly written and illustrated. Billy Barton of New Brooklyn was heard to say, many years ago, "All the larnin' I ever got, I got in the Sunday School."

When the Methodists built a new church in 1844, the old log cabin was moved to a corner of the Methodist "Graveyard", where a pleasant diversion of the pupils was watching the funerals. This school was not entirely free, and did not become so until about 1854. The township was authorized to raise money by taxation, but it was not compulsory. Small private schools were common at the time, and one was run in the newly built Presbyterian Church by Miss Vanarsdale, sister-in-law of the minister, Rev. Ford. This typical old maid was said to be so neat and cleanly that she daily scrubbed the nail and wall where she hung her shawl and bonnet.

A few large landowners had their children taught at home. At the old Wilson homestead, the log building used as a school room was still standing in recent years. After the glass industry brought prosperity to Williamstown, the first frame schoolhouse was built in 1849 on Main Street, and flourished until 1872. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bugbee taught there and in a later school. At one time the school trustees were slow in sending a load of wood to the school. When the room became cool, Mr. Bugbee told the boys to "go out and start in on the old graveyard fence," and the wood was soon delivered.

At that time, the railing fence surrrounding the old burial yard was badly in need of repair, and residents talked for many years about the big time they had the day they raised money for an iron fence. The affair was a harvest home, held in an adjoining woods, with the great orator Horace Greeley as speaker of the day. People from surrounding towns drove in and $600 was cleared, $50 of which went to Mr. Greeley for his services.

In 1872 a fine new school was built on the hill back of the Methodist cemetery where Maple Grove School now stands. It is told that in the big public "raising" the framework was raised upside down and remained that way. Mark Tice, one of the men present, had his nose broken by a falling timber.

In 1874 there were six schools in the township, Cross Keys, Brooklyn, Downer, Washington Grove and Coles' Mill. There were 451 pupils, with an average attendance of 209. The state appropriation was $2836.81 and the township raised $3467.66.

A night school was held for several years for boys employed in the glass factories. These were the days before child labor laws were heard of, and mere children were employed at "snapping up" and "carrying in" for about 50 cents per day. Among the night school teachers were Oliver Grimshaw, George Kugler, James Ross and Oscar Thomson.

For over 35 years the schoolhouse on the hill was the scene of many happy days, when the old pump broke and they loitered on the way to Andy Ireland's for a bucket of water. This was when the bad boys of the school became the best accountants from hav-

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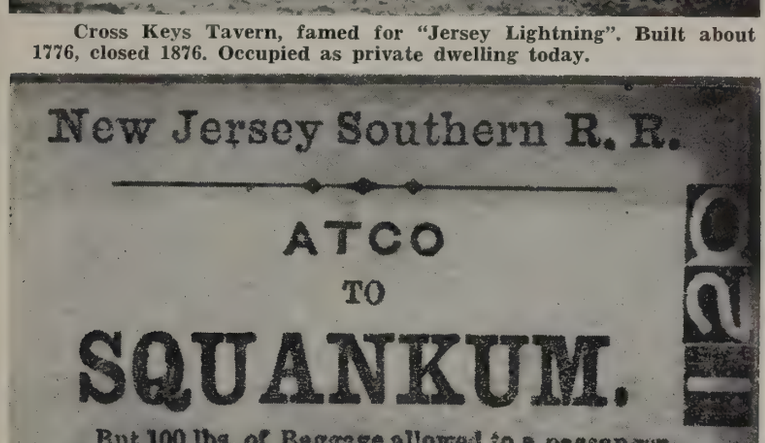
Cross Keys Tavern, famed for "Jersey Lightning". Built about 1776, closed 1876. Occupied as private dwelling today.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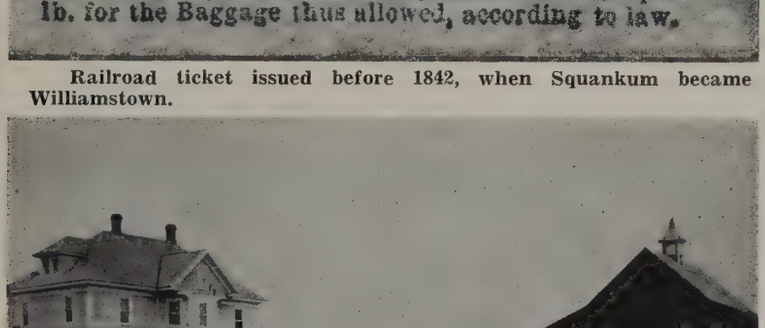
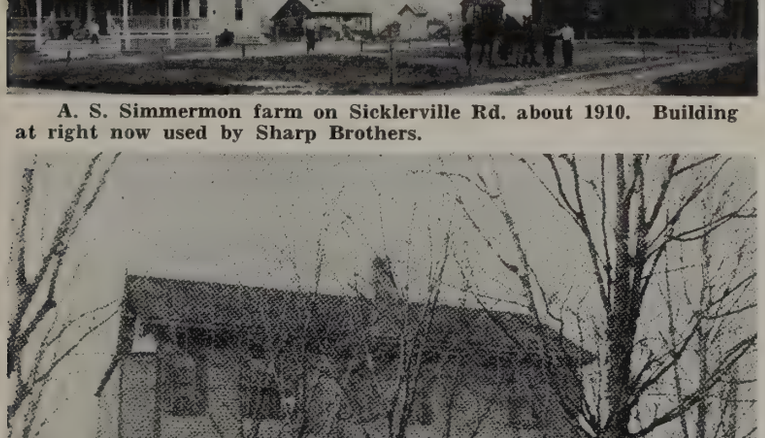
Railroad ticket issued before 1842, when Squankum became Williamstown.

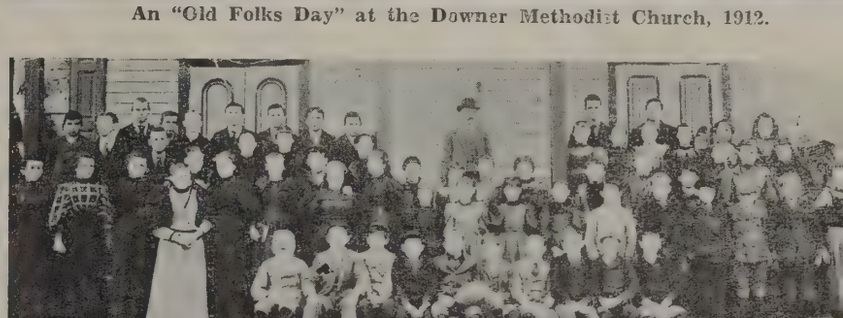


A. S. Simmermon farm on Sicklerville Rd. about 1910. Building at right now used by Sharp Brothers.



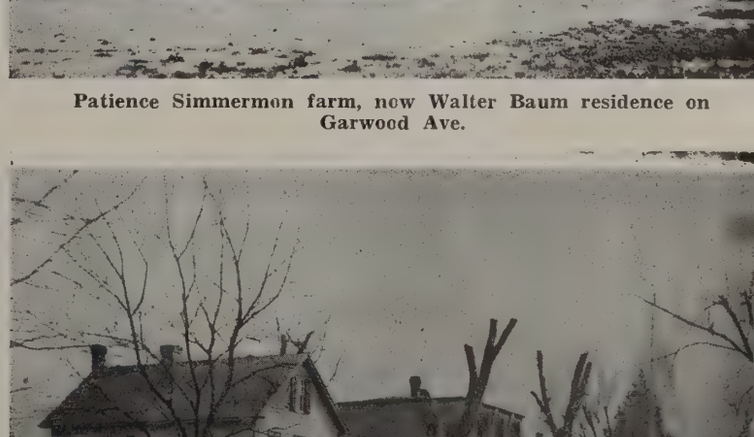
Original Maple Grove School. Frame said to have been erected upside down in the public "raising" in 1872.

An "Old Folks Day" at the Downer Methodist Church, 1912.



Students of Maple Grove School with teacher, Henry K. Bugbee.

Patience Simmermon farm, now Walter Baum residence on Garwood Ave.



Main and Hall Sts., late 1800's. Wesley Gable's house on corner, Dr. Edward's beyond. 5 & 10-cent store and First National Bank are on these sites today.

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ing to count "frames" for misdemeanors, and when "prisoner's base" and similar games were physical training. There were the long walks to school carrying the tin dinner pail filled with doughnuts and other homemade goodies not approved by dieticians.

In 1907 the old schoolhouse was condemned and sold to local grangers. where it still serves after 87 years of use. A splendid brick building took its place, and was named "Maple Grove" by popular vote. About ten years later, this building was enlarged, all other schools of the township were closed except Cecil, and the pupils from outlying districts of the township were transported to school by bus.

Oak Knoll School was built about 1927 at a cost of $118,000, and was enlarged about five years ago. The need for a high school became so pressing, after sending secondary pupils to Glassboro for many years, that a completely new building was started in 1958. Construction was rushed, and pupils moved into Williamstown High School in the fall of that year in spite of the fact that work was still going on. The school in Cecil continues to function, along with Hall Street School, Maple Grove, Oak Knoll, and the High School.

CECIL—The earliest known settler of this place was Thomas Coles, a nephew of Samuel Coles, who was a large land owner of Eversham Township, Burlington County. Thomas left Eversham Township about 1750 to live in what was known for many years as Coles' Mills. He bought a valuable property there, including approximately 2,000 acres of woodland along the Hospitality Branch of the Great Egg Harbor River.

Coles is known to have manufactured charcoal, and this may have been his first occupation there. At some time well before 1787, however, (the date is not known), he set up water mills to saw wood and to grind grain. It was these mills that gave the tiny settlement the name of Coles' Mills, which survives to this day in the name of a road in the vicinity.

Some of the earliest surveys recorded in the area are those of John McCarty, December 8, 1757, for 190 acres, and one by Joseph Harrison, May 6, 1760, for 24 acres where Coles' saw mill was established. A survey made by Thomas Coles, recorded March 16, 1787, adjoins McCarty's tract; the description locating the beginning corner says, "Standing twenty-eight links northerly of the road from Canada to Coles' Mill."

Coles moved to Harrisonville in 1808, where he purchased a mill on Oldman's Creek, and there lived until his death in 1826 at the age of 90 years.

The Chew family, that has since been prominent in the area, is said to have first arrived in 1862, although some records indicate that Thomas E. Chew purchased his farm of 220 acres in 1870. Thomas operated a saw mill that had been built in 1847 on the site of Coles' mill, which had burned. Prior to this time, he is reputed to have been the first man to make bricks in Clayton. Thomas Chew died from an accident in his saw mill in April, 1872.

Robert C. Chew, son of Thomas, who had been born and educated in Glassboro, worked on his father's farm until he became 21, then purchased a cranberry bog, which he operated profitably. In 1873, he bought 104 acres to farm in Coles' Mills, and purchased the saw mill in 1889. Interested in education, he served as a trustee of the local school for more than 20 years.

An older son of Thomas E. Chew, born February 22, 1842, at Marsh Lake, near Malaga, was Matthias M. Chew, who studied law, surveying and conveyancing in his youth. With a brother, William, Matthias joined the 24th New Jersey Regiment early in the Civil War and fought at the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. In 1874, he purchased the home farm and gradually added to it until he owned about 1000 acres.

Matthias made a close study of the science and techniques of growing cranberries, and became most successful. He had an active mind, and invented a cranberry picker that speeded the tedious operation considerably.

Largely through his efforts, a Post Office was set up in old Coles Mill in 1883, with himself as postmaster, and it was at this time that the name of the place was changed. The forefathers of Thomas Coles had lived in the city of Exeter in England, and a certain Lord Cecil was a respected commissioner of that city. It was in honor of this titled gentleman that the village is named.

Matthias Chew and some of his brothers were as prominent in Williamstown as in Cecil, taking an active part in community and church affairs there.

CROSS KEYS—Once the center of business and political activity in the area, Cross Keys was torn in halves by the formation of Monroe Township. The northeast boundary line runs precisely through the center of the village. Cross Keys was so named from the fact that six roads intersect here, and the same fact led to its division.

What may be the first survey in the entire township is that of John Stacy, recorded March 2, 1716, for a tract of 950 acres, that later was deeded over to David Roe in 1747. This tract lay astride the present Hurffville Road with its two sides parallel to the road, and extending in depth from near the "Keys" to just short of the intersection with the Turnersville-Downer Road. In width it was wide enough to include about one-half mile each of the Old Black Horse Pike and the Glassboro Road. About one-sixth of this acreage is now in Monroe Township and the balance in Washington.

Other early surveys partly or entirely within Monroe Township were those of Joshua Wright and Henry Roe in 1737, John Owens and James Steel in 1740, and William Thorne in 1743.

Farming has been the only major industry in and about Cross Keys, and few of these remain today. Most of the residents now make their living in cities or towns within driving distance. The place grew to have some recognition in years past by reason of its location on a busy stage route that ran from Cape May, Mays Landing, and Woodbury to Camden and Philadelphia.

A tavern that dispensed "provender and Jersey Lightning" for about 100 years stood astride the point formed by the intersection of Hurffville Road and the Old Black Horse Pike. The building stands today, just over the township line, occupied as a private dwelling. Among the genial landlords at this old hostelry were the names of —— Whitney, William Nicholson, William Lashley, Joseph Nicholson, Kirby, and Eli Gauntt, who closed up the business in 1876.

The pioneer store at the "Keys" was opened by Thomas Parks in 1840, in a building later occupied by Hiram Hurff. In 1860, John Jones opened a mercantile business, later operated by Joseph C. Nicholson.

In 1883, Charles K. Lewis was the village blacksmith, Jacob Burrows the wheelwright, and Nathaniel Foster the tinsmith. A steam sawmill was built in 1870 about a half mile out the Glassboro Road by Samuel Tombleson, and was later owned by Charles Simmerman. The saw mill was still in operation until sometime in the 1920's.

The strongest unifying factor in the divided community in days gone by was the close family relationships. It was said that you could not talk to one person about another in Cross Keys without the risk of a fight, because they were all related to one another in some way. The strongest unifying factors today are the local church and the Grange. Both organizations draw people together from Washington and Monroe Townships.

Religion in Cross Keys goes back at least as far as 1870. As was typical of most early settlements in Monroe Township, the Friends were the first organized group to worship here. They met in a part of Cross Keys called Chestnut Ridge, in an old cedar-log schoolhouse, the site of which is not precisely known.

Minutes of the Woodbury Preparative Meeting of Friends dated November 11, 1800, show that "Isaac Collins, Amos Collins and John Collins request permission to hold a meeting for Divine Worship in their school house at Chestnut Ridge," and certain Friends were appointed to sit with them. These meetings continued until January 8, 1818, when they were discontinued.

Methodists, who had evidently been meeting elsewhere, then

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Photo above shows South Main Street looking North, the buildings to the left are those of the glass factory. The large building is standing today, owned by George Huber.

The railroad station showing a passenger train on its way to Camden. (Buildings at the rear belong to the glass factory.)

Old U. S. Mail delivery cart standing in front of the Williamstown Post Office, now occupied by the Monroe Building and Loan.

One of the early industries in Monroe Township was the manufacture and sale of charcoal for use as a fuel. This picture, taken in front of the old Cross Keys Tavern, shows a wagon loaded for transportation to Philadelphia. The building, located on the point between Hurffville Road and the old Black Horse Pike is still standing, having been converted to living quarters. Although it is difficult to identify all of the people shown, it is known that at least two of them became quite successful in their endeavors.

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came into possession of the cedar-log building. This same building served the dual purpose of school and church until 1840 or 1842 when an acre of ground was purchased from Mark Jennings to be used "for school purposes forever."

The Chestnut Ridge site of the later school is on the north side of Hurffville Road about a half mile from the "Keys." The building stands in a pasture there today. The back half of the lot was covered with virgin yellow pine, which remained standing until about 1878.

Pioneer Methodists in Cross Keys carried such names as Joseph Bates, Cornelius Pease, Richard Gant, Hannah Young, Abigail Collins, William Corkney, George Williams, Marian Nicholson, William Darrow, David Hutchinson, Isaac Champion and Mrs. George Bakely.

Early records show that Chestnut Ridge was served by local preachers and exhorters. Methodism had advanced more rapidly than the supply of traveling preachers could cope with. The first written record found shows that four men were assigned to serve Squankum and Chestnut Ridge in 1826: George Gardner, John Sickler, John Turner and John Brown.

The Sunday School was organized in 1844, with Thomas Young as Superintendent. In 1859, the first regular pastors began serving Cross Keys, and have continued without interruption for 100 years.

In 1875, Richard and Elizabeth Evans gave by deed one acre of ground in the village of Cross Keys for religious purposes, and a frame meeting house was erected at a cost, including furnishings, of $3,600. The pastor at this time was Jesse R. Thompson. The present parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. William L. Peterson (1891-'96) on a lot containing 26/100 of an acre next to the church.

The tower and a 500-pound bell were dedicated on October 2, 1904, during the pastorate of Rev. Harry T. Fisler. John Wesley Sparks donated the bell and had the church and parsonage painted for the occasion.

In 1912 a basement was built under the church, a hot water heating plant, a kitchen, and gas lighting were installed at a cost of $1662. The church was incorporated September 1, 1925. On September 14, 1926, John and Charlesanna Sparks gave to the church by deed 1-3/4 acres of ground for cemetery and other uses, thus making a total of three acres owned. These same generous people left substantial endowments, the proceeds to be used for maintenance of church property.

Many improvements have been made in recent years including stained glass windows, electric organ, improved lighting and heating, redecorating, new garage and complete modernization of the parsonage. For the future generations, a new Educational Building fund has been established to provide room for the growing Sunday School.

NEW BROOKLYN—Located near the mouth of Four Mile Branch, where that stream flows into the Great Egg Harbor River, New Brooklyn was settled by John Marshall (born 1768, died 1852), from the Blackwood vicinity, about 1803. One of his people, Randall Marshall, having owned a gristmill at Blackwood, and a saw mill at White Hall, near Coles Mill.

John Marshall first lived in a log cabin, beside the cedar swamp on the south side of Four Mile branch, half a mile above its mouth. Building a dam across the stream, near his cabin, and then a saw mill, Marshall speedily became a prominent and successful citizen, owning thousands of acres of timber, including valuable cedar swamps, and running saw mills at other points: Applebee's at Clementon, and another situated on Beaver Run, between Port Republic and Smithville, Atlantic County.

His first saw mill was of the type common in its day—flutter-wheel and upright saw—but it served well in working off the great nearby cedar swamps. Marshall grew wealthy and soon erected a large frame residence, setting the foundations by his compass, close to the site of his log cabin. He built a smaller house just across the road for his mother.

Marshall's next venture was a grist mill. Securing power by damming Great Egg Harbor River half a mile above the mouth of Four Mile branch, the water was lead from the pond to the new mill through a sluice, so the two mills stood only a short distance apart and both near his home. The place was often referred to in those days as "Marshall's Mills."

The grist mill wheel was undershot, but the heavy stream of the river yielded sufficient power to run the grist mill of that primitive pattern. One pair of stones ground bolted flour and another pair ground feed. There was a miller's house, horse sheds, and all that went with a custom grist mill, but it never paid because there was not enough grain produced in that region to keep it in operation. Marshall declared the establishment of the grist mill was the one mistake of his career in Brooklyn.

At the time Marshall was building the grist mill, an old friend from Clementon was working on the job who, starting home on a Saturday night after dark, was suddenly confronted with a bear that stood up in his path. The man had a gun, heavily loaded with slugs, and instantly fired, dropping the bear. At that moment two of Marshall's daughters, Elizabeth and Ann, were returning from visiting a neighbor at Point House. Frightened, they ran back to a neighbor's house screaming that someone had shot at them. They fell in a faint at the doorway.

When Marshall came to Seven Causeways, the former name of the place, there were no laid-out roads in that neighborhood, only an Indian trail crossed Great Egg Habor River swamp. Being a practical surveyor, he later secured roads to his settlement and laid out other important roads in central Gloucester County.

In 1823, Marshall built a second house near the western end of the dam across the river, near the grist mill, and with the saw mill just a few rods south. It now seemed that he was settled for life, but he was obliged, at the age of 63, to enter a new business, that of manufacturing glass. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Frederick Stanger, son of Philip, one of the seven pioneer Stanger brothers who established a glassworks at Glassboro in 1781. Frederick was previously engaged in the glass business at Marshallville, near Tuckahoe. His first wife was Ann, daughter of Randall Marshall, who operated the glassworks that was moved from Port Elizabeth to Marshallville.

Backed by his second father-in-law, also a Marshall, Frederick Stanger started building a new glass factory at New Brooklyn in 1831, on a site between Marshall's residence and the grist mill. Overtaken in a snow storm on his way from Camden with a load of lime for the factory walls, Stanger contracted a cold and died six weeks later, leaving the factory unfinished.

John Marshall then took charge and finished the glassworks, then ran it successfully for eight years, recovering his original outlay of $8,000. Marshall retired at 71 and turned the management of the factory over to Thomas W. Stanger, who had married Frederick's widow.

The New Brooklyn glassworks, as Marshall named it, was of the standard type for those days—small furnace, seven pots, twelve rings, using clay moulds, and employing about 100 hands in all. Among the glassblowers were: Michael Crist, George Crist, Henry Crist, two brothers named Williams, and John Marsh. Nathan Cattell was a shearer, melting the glass with wood, and Samuel Burdsall was the boss packer.

A factory store was kept in connection with the glassworks for the convenience of the employees, but they were obliged to get their whiskey from either the Blue Anchor Hotel or Paul Sears' tavern at Squankum, each about three miles distant, for Marshall sold no rum at his store.

"Squire" Marshall built a schoolhouse on the eastern side of the river, Point House, for the use of his employees' children. When Methodists started noisy revival meetings in the schoolhouse, he attempted to break up the gatherings, although members of his own family attended the services. Samuel Burdsall, boss packer, was the leader, and one morning, Squire, visiting Burdsall at the

Original New Brooklyn Methodist Church, built about 1860. Later the building was used as a school and community hall.

works, said:

"Burdsall, there is one thing you've got to do, either stop that meeting or leave!"

"All right, Squire, I'll leave," and the boss packer picked up his tools and went home.

An hour or so later, Squire came over, saying: "Samuel, if you'll promise not to make so much noise in the meetings, you may come back and the meetings may go on."

"The meetings are going on anyway, and there will be just as much noise whether I work or not," replied the stout old Methodist. Squire backed down completely with:

"Well, come on back and go to work, go on with the meetings and make all the noise you want."

Burdsall returned to work and the meetings went on, as related by his son, Samuel Burdsall, himself a packer in the Williamstown glassworks, and, like his father, an old time revivalist.

"Squire" Marshall was a short, heavy set man, retiring at eight and rising at four, with good health and a strong voice. He held several minor offices, and his name appears often in old documents, especially wills. In his feeble old age, he was taken ill on a hot August day while walking a mile from home along the Malaga Road, which he had laid out 40 years before, in 1812. He lay down under an oak at Philip Souders' place. Neighbor Souders placed some boards on his wagon, on which he carefully hauled the old man home, where he passed away about two weeks later, September 1, 1852, aged 84 years. He was buried in the ancient cemetery at Good Intent, where his monument still stands.

The "Old Brooklyn" glassworks burned to the ground in 1855. The Isabella Glass Works, built by Thomas W. Stanger, and named after his daughter, failed. Stanger thereafter operated a store for many years. The Isabella Glass Works was reopened in about 1858 and operated under Clayton B. Tice for about ten years. During those prosperous times, in 1859, one hundred years ago, the Methodist Church was erected there. The school built by John Marshall was replaced by a new building, and the old school was used by the church as a community hall. When pupils began to commute to Williamstown, the newer school became the community hall and Sunday School.

DOWNER—This village lies halfway between Glassboro and Williamstown, and borders the northwestern boundary line of Monroe Township. For a comprehensive picture of its early settlement and development we are indebted to John Rulon Downer. Forty-one years ago, he wrote, "I recognize the propriety of setting forth facts and descriptions of my people and the hamlet named after them in a manner which I am quite certain shall not fail to edify, please, and instruct . . . those of the generations that shall follow."

On December 1, 1858, Arthur Downer and his wife, Mary Smallwood Rulon, arrived in the newly purchased 60 acres now known as Downer. This acreage showed signs of former habitation, "little old fields, bits of brick, the relics of implements, and apple orchards."

Between the eastern line and the Cedar Swamp lay lots which showed evidence of being formerly tilled. There was also an Indian burying ground. As far back as 1863 these clearings bore such distinctive names as Swope Field, Dilk's Field, Carpenter Field, Hewitt Field, Fleetwood Field, and many others.

On a lot next to the public road, permission was given to use for crops by the owner, Samuel A. Whitney, "who in partnership with his brother, Thomas H. Whitney, comprised the firm of Whitney Brothers, glass manufacturers, of Glassboro."

On one site of former settlement was "a particular peach tree that seldom bore, but when it did, its specimens were wonders. Once or twice I saw a peach so large I took it to be a small canteloupe that someone had thrown there." The quotation here, as throughout this history of Downer, is from the manuscript of John R. Downer.

Young apple trees were purchased by Arthur Downer from "Pennington Larzelere, who then had a nursery on the large farm a mile south."

On Election Day, 1864, Arthur Downer ran a wagon to carry the few neighbors to the polls to vote for Abraham Lincoln." The Downer homestead itself is described as "a house 14x30. The chimney had a fireplace, opening into the kitchen where hung a large iron crane. Hams were smoked in the fireplace. A large western room served sometimes as a parlor, sometimes as a granary. and also as a place to store sweet potatoes. In this house of two rooms downstairs and three upstairs we all slept in the same room until my brother William was born." William was to become the grandfather of the present owner and operator of the sand mines, E. Eugene Downer.

There were neighbors who lived in log cabins at that time who followed woodcraft to make a living. Others dwelt in "crude" frame houses and were farmers. They augmented their income by working in the woods and swamps during the winter."

Among the neighbors mentioned are three Miller families, including the Burrough Millers, the Larzeleres previously mentioned, the Oldens, Flicks, Flexons and Witacres. When the farmers took their wheat to mill, it was to the old John Williams Mill, the "pioneer grist mill" of the region. John Turner, carpenter, whose epitaph in the old Bethel burying ground at Hurffville reads "Rev. John Turner," was the millwright. John Williams, son of Israel, pioneer of Williamstown, was Turner's employer.

By 1871, the population in and around the village had grown enough to require the building of a school. This building stands today and is part of the Downer Methodist Church. It is used as a Community House for dinners and meetings.

In 1875, the settlers at Downer found themselves in serious difficulty. The newly arrived potato bug completely destroyed the season's crop, leaving the farmers in precarious financial straits indeed. By this time, Arthur Downer's family included Elizabeth, William, Samuel, George and John. Two others, Sarah Emma and Mary Jane, died in infancy.

As a young man, John R. discovered yellow sand in the vicinity, but Arthur, his father, paid "little or no attention to my find."

In the fall of the disastrous year of 1875, however, a valuable colt belonging to the father died, and while burying it, decided to take a sample of the white sand he found there to the Whitney Glass Works in Glassboro. He proceeded to wash a sample amount which did prove to be suitable for making glass. This find led to the sand mining operations which have been carried on continuously for eighty-four years.

During the first years, sand was hauled in horse-drawn carts. However, in the spring of 1884 the Williamstown and Delaware River Railroad, which had been graded fourteen years previously, and used as a public wagon road, was completed. The railroad from Williamstown to Atco had been in operation for about twelve years.

In order to take advantage of the cheap freight rates afforded by the railroad, a siding was placed at the Fries Mill Road, and the long former name of Whitneyville was shortened to Whitney. Later, when the Post Office was established, the postal department felt that the similarity between Whitney and Whitings would cause confusion. At the suggestion of Samuel Garwood, superintendent of the newly completed railroad, the name was changed to Downer.

In addition to the white sand used for glassmaking, there was yellow sand that had been found not suitable for that purpose. About the year 1890, William Downer began searching for a market for yellow sand, and soon found it in the rapidly growing steel industry. By 1919, glass sand production had been completely succeeded by the more profitable steel sand production, which is still carried on by the Downer family to this day.

No history of Downer would be complete without mention of the beautiful little Methodist Church there. Mary and Arthur "experienced sanctification," as it was then termed in Methodist circles, at the Centenary Camp Meeting in 1866. It was located near Sewell, immediately adjoining Marlboro.

"Members of the various churches interested gave their services in preparing the place for camp meeting, old-fashioned tents, quarters to tether the horses in the woods . . . erected small high platforms capped with turf and dirt upon which fat pine hearts and knots were burned at night for general illumination of the grounds."

After their return from the Centenary, Mary and Arthur were made anxious for the conversion of their neighbors. With the consent of John and Annie Armstrong, tenants of the "Corner House," Arthur began revival meetings there.

Although Sunday School had been held in the Downer homestead kitchen from 1861, and the family attended services regularly in Williamstown, Arthur Downer was convinced that a stone church of Gothic architecture should be built at Downer. Through the fine cooperation of the Richard Flexon family, the society was incorporated, the board of trustees organized, and the edifice was erected. Sand from the local mines was used in its construction.

In December, 1899, the church was destroyed by fire which started in a defective flue, and raged through so quickly that only the walls remained. It was speedily rebuilt, however, with slight modifications. John Downer wrote, "The funeral services of my father, mother and deceased brother, George, were held in this church, their bodies interred in the family burial plot."

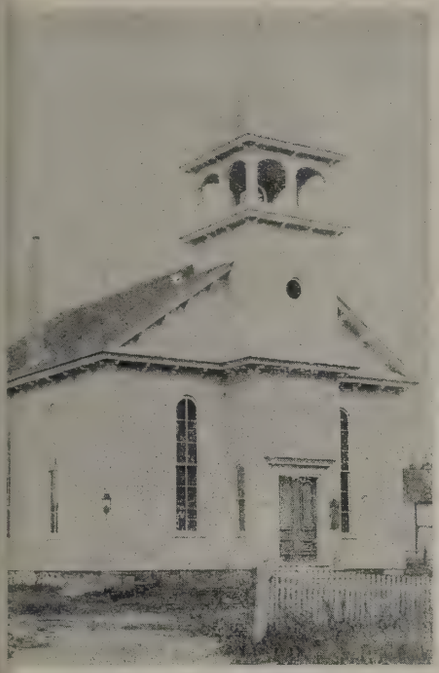
John R. Downer died June 16, 1928. He was buried, as was his desire, in the Williamstown Methodist Cemetery, where his wife and daughter, Josephine, already lay. His tombstone bears the simple descriptive word, "Historian."

A typical group of glass workers pose in this picture made around 1900.

Band photo taken outside town hall about 1900. Left to right: Albert Nale, leader; Albert White, "Johnny" Wells (Jonathan), William Mingin, John Kaiser, William White, Charles Wise.

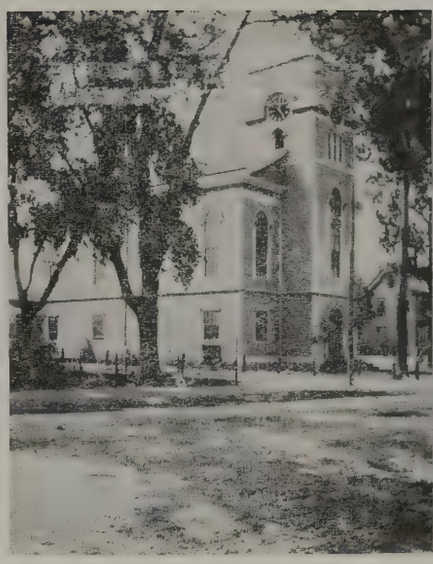
Unidentified Monroe Township couple "Coming Home From Church," taken in the latter 1800's.

Baseball team (taken in 1907): Left to right (top row): George Truncer, Alfred Henry, Nelson Darrow, William Lee, William Surran, Albert White; (bottom row) George Cossabone, Laurence Lafferty, John Lafferty, William Mingin, Robert Edwards, Tom Lafferty, Mahlon Mingin



Cross Keys Methodist Church — 1826. Rev. George Gardner, first pastor,, Rev. Harold H. Talley, present pastor.

Downer Methodist Church — 1866. Rev. Arthur Downer, first pastor, Rev. Harold E. Dunn, present pastor.



Williamstown Methodist Church — 1800. Rev. Thomas Eberhardt, first pastor, Rev. R. G. McNaughton, present pastor.

St. John's Lutheran Church — 1897. Rev. Henry Mette, first pastor, Rev. Elwood Healy, present pastor.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church — 1906. Rev. Joseph Transerici, first pastor, Rev. Francis Cosgrove, present pastor.

Presbyterian Church — 1840. Rev. Charles Ford, first pastor, Rev. Ralph Hibbitt, present pastor.

Chestnutdale Baptist Church, 1890 William Tell Johnson, first pastor

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SATURDAY — Dedication Of Williamstown High School
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COMMUNITY SUPPER — 4 P. M., H. S. Cafeteria
Minerva Satterfield, Chairman

SUNDAY — Church Program (afternoon and evening)
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John M. Crane, Chairman

MONDAY — Ladies Nite Stage Show Raimundo Marquez II, Chairman
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TUESDAY — Old Timers' Nite Ralph S. Weed, Chairman
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WEDNESDAY — Teenage Dance (Grady and Hurst)
(PAGE 49) AND RECORDING STARS.
Helen K. Brimfield, Chairman

THURSDAY — Athletic Program — Old Timers' Ball Game
and BABE DIDRIKSON GIRLS SOFT BALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME
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Margaret M. Weed, Chairman

FRIDAY — Mardi Gras and Fireworks Albert McCune, Chairman
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Mike Stellaccio, Chairman

SATURDAY — Morning Youth Program Margaret M. Weed, Chairman
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PARADE — Starts at 1 P. M. George T. Ward, Chairman

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, 4 P. M.

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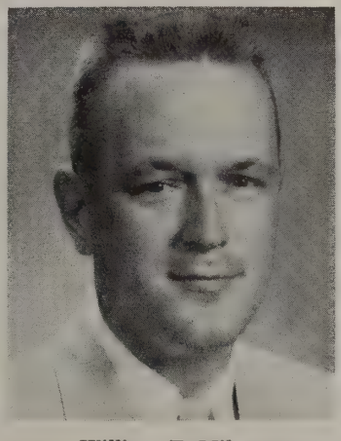

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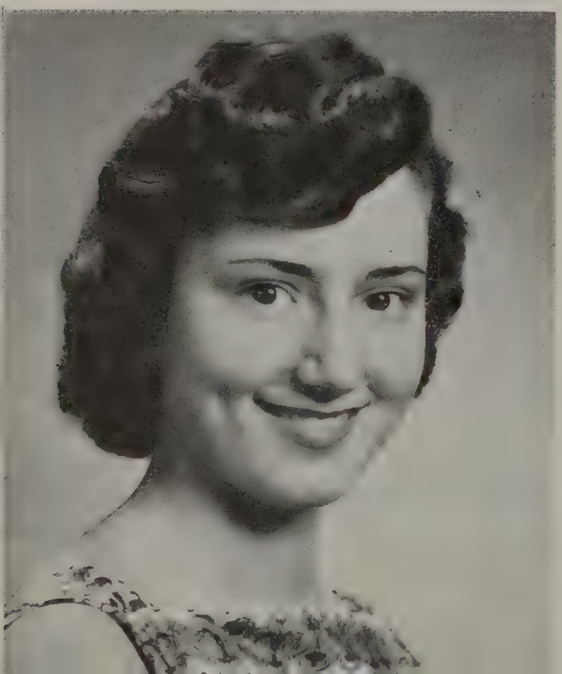

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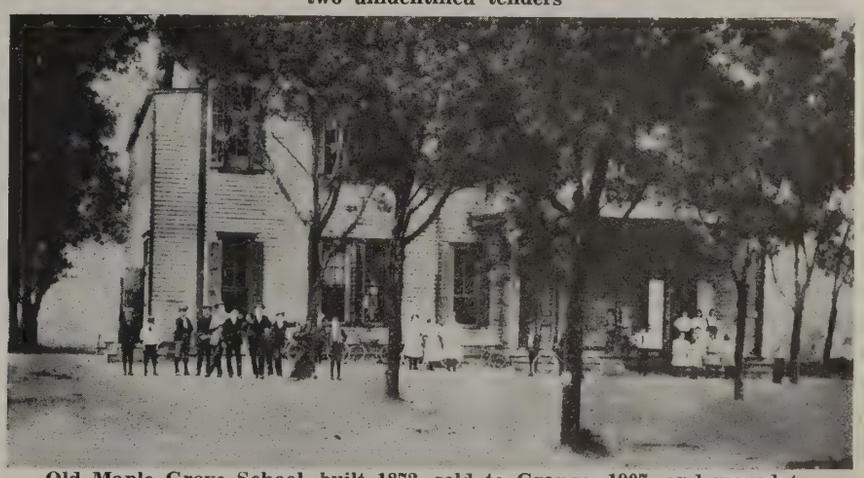
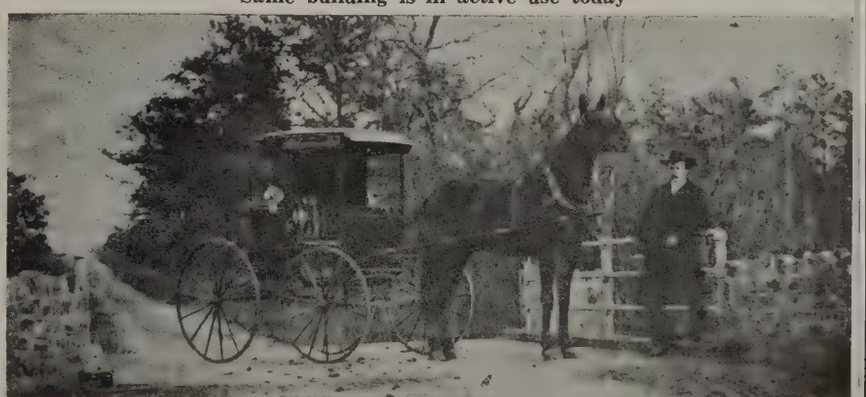
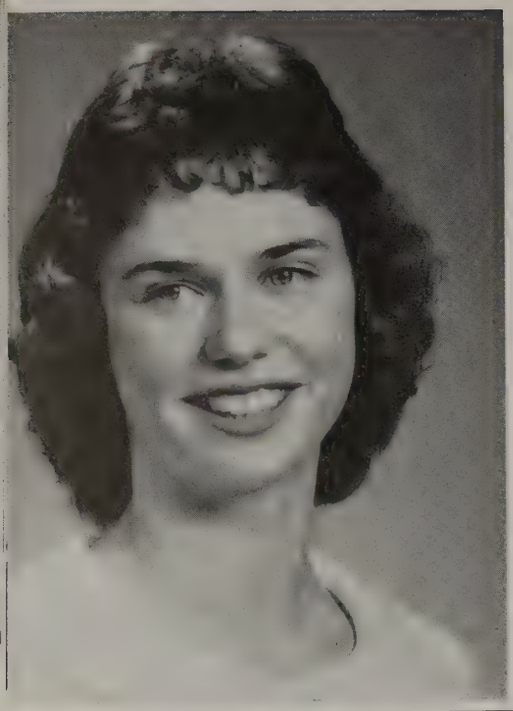


Old Maple Grove School, built 1872, sold to Grange, 1907, and moved to present location on Glassboro Road

The old Town Hall, built in 1882 for $4500, and used as shown until replaced on same site by present Municipal Building

Washington Hotel, Main St., about 1900, William Moebius, proprietor. Same building is in active use today





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Musical Selections	High School Band
Invocation	Rev. Ralph Hibbitt
Flag Salute	Boy Scouts
Remarks and Introductions	V. James Dinovi President, Monroe Township Board of Education
Laying of Cornerstone	Joseph H. Giberson Chairman, Building Committee
Prayer of Dedication	Rev. R. Gordon McNaughton
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Presentation of Key to Building	Harold M. Klaisz Architect
Acceptance of Key	M. Alexander Glasmire High School Principal
Presentation of Gifts	American Legion Cecil Home and School Association Williamstown Elementary P.T.A. Williamstown High School P.T.A.
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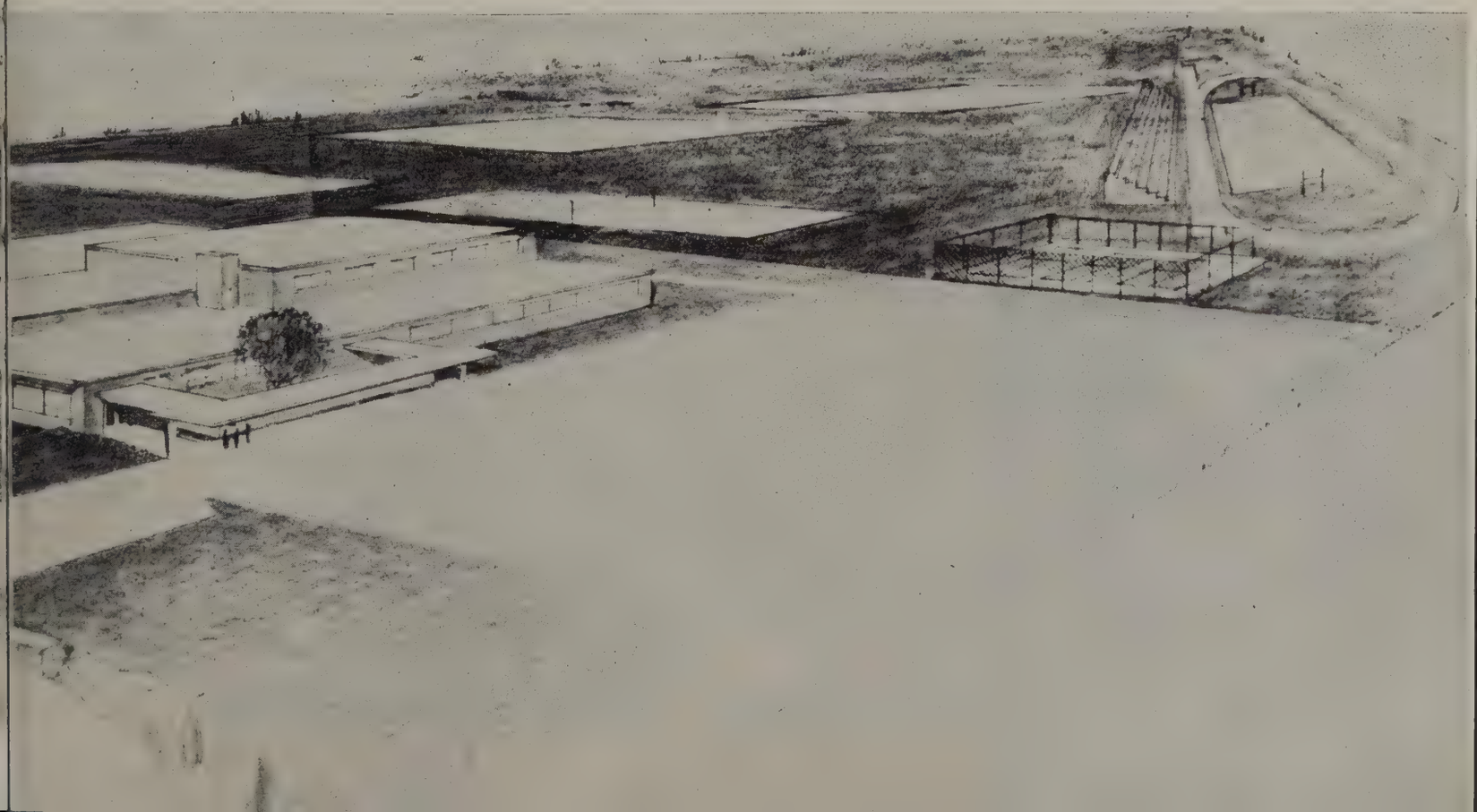

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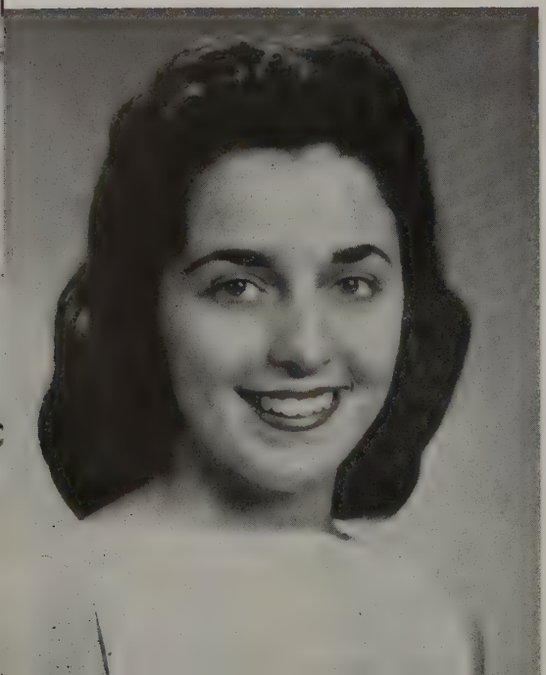

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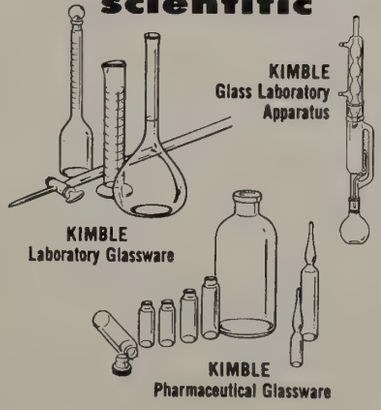

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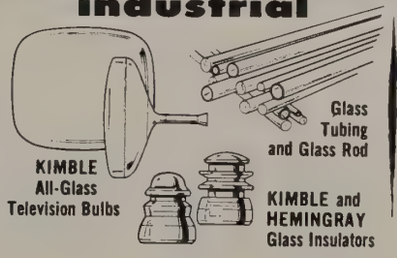

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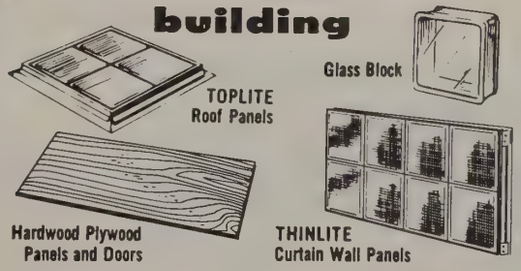

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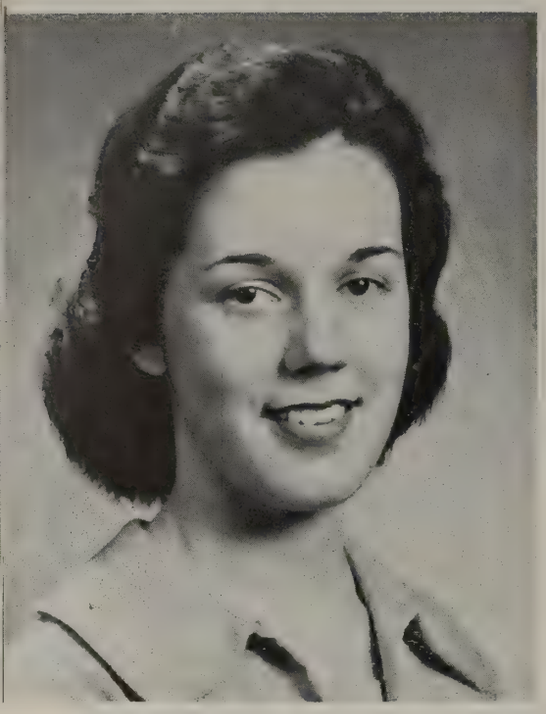

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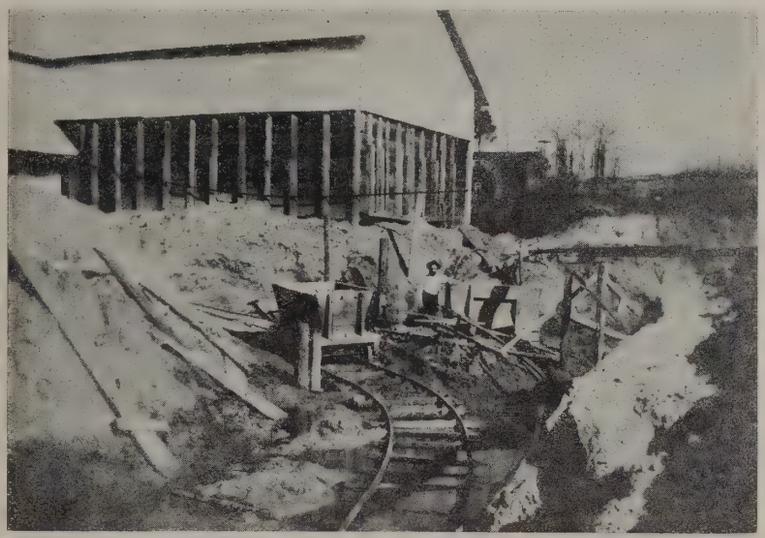

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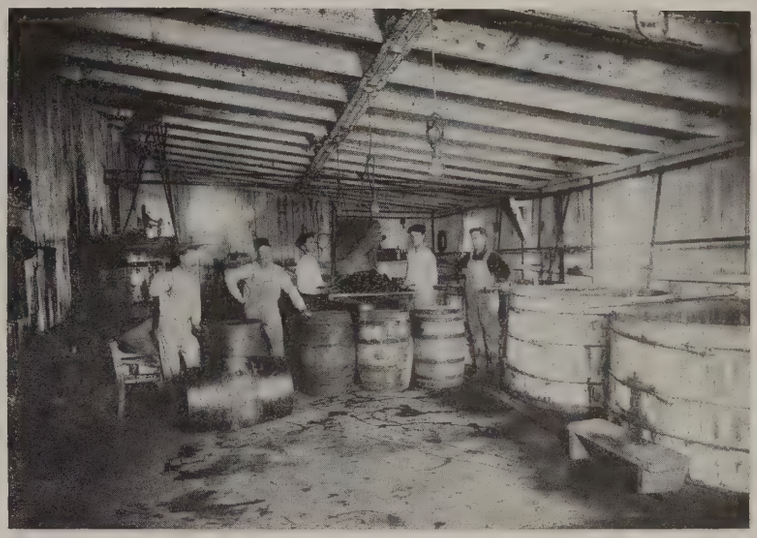

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7:00 P. M.—Ladies' Old Time Fashion Show in High School Auditorium, with awards for best costumes.

8:00 P. M.—Introduction of Old Time Residents of town. Introduction of Queens.

9:00 P. M.—Combination Square Dance and Ballroom Dance in High School Gymnasium.

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Other Exhibits and Attractions

Monroe Township Exhibit, consisting of old photos, products, etc., pertaining to Monroe Township only. This exhibit open on Saturday, Aug. 29; Sunday, Aug. 30; Monday, Aug. 31; Tuesday, Sept. 1, and Saturday, Sept. 5.

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Caboose of an Atlantic City Railroad freight train enroute to Mullica Hill. (Note hand brake at rear.)

Dr. Edwards and his "buggy" outside of his home and office on Main Street. Later, this was the Champion property.

Harry Lewis, with his new-fangled motor bike, taken in front in front of Hurff's Store in Cross Keys. (Note the gravel roadway.)

This is the old Cecil Road (Now the Black Horse Pike) where it crossed the tracks of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. (A short distance beyond, to the right, is now Collings Lakes.)

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Thursday, September 3, 1959

6:30 P. M.—Old Timers' Baseball Game on the softball field.

8:00 P. M.—Parade of the Queens.

8:45 P. M.—Babe Didrikson Girls Soft Ball League All-Star Game under lights.

Short history of the League:

The Babe Didrikson Girls Soft Ball League was formed three years ago with eight teams and now has eleven participating. Because of the distance separating the teams in the league, they have been divided into two sections, a Northern and Southern Division.

Northern Division	Southern Division
Oaklyn	West Deptford
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Bellmawr	Williamstown Lionettes
Gloucester VFW	Oak Valley
Rockettes (Gloucester)	Magnolia
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The Umpires for each official League game are provided by the South Jersey Umpires Assn.

The first game was played in Williamstown, and the second will also be played here. Those who witnessed the first will want to see it again, and bring their friends for an exciting evening.

Our thanks to Tim Sykes and Art Price, co-chairmen of the Old Timers' Night, and Bruce Becker, president of the League, his officers and team managers for having the All-Star game in Williamstown.

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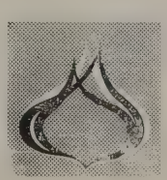

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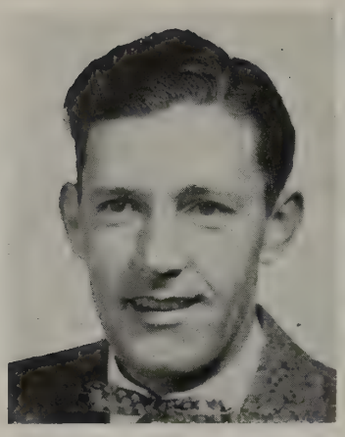

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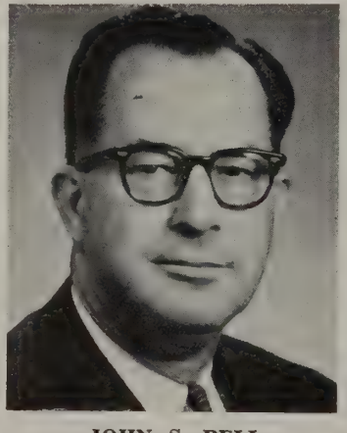

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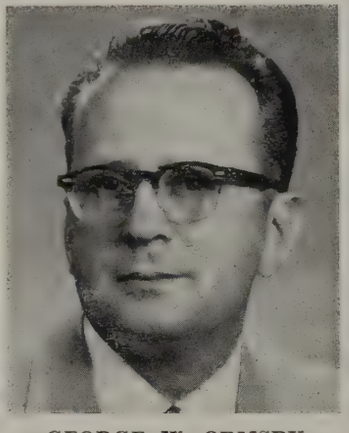

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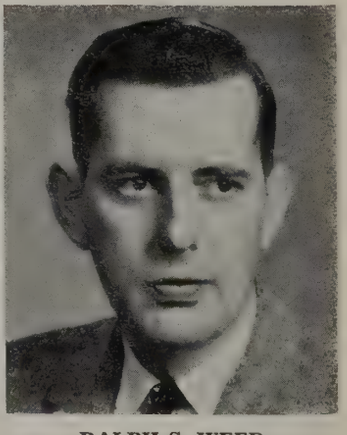

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If there are any groups that joined us after this program went to press we wish to thank you also.

— Menu —

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Saturday, September 5, 1959

BASEBALL EVENTS

10:00 A. M., Babe Ruth Baseball game on the hard-ball field.

10:00 A. M., and for the remainder of the day, displays and exhibitions by the Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs and other youth groups.

Our thanks go to the Little Leaguers and managers, Babe Ruth League and managers, Cub Scouts, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H and other youth organizations and their leaders who made this day possible.

Parade — Saturday, September 5, 1 P. M.

PARADE COMMITTEE — George T. Ward, Chairman; Parade Marshals, Leon Rennebaum and Herbert McIlvaine; Bands, Dan Marmostein; Drum and Bugle Corps, John Pavlik; Military Units, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, John W. Sharp; Floats, Joseph Remmers; Fire Companies and First Aid Units, Edward Derrickson.

ENTRANTS — 5 Brass Bands, 3 String Bands, 3 Drum and Bugle Corps, 75 Fire Companies, American Legion 40 & 8, Antique Cars, Military Units, Comic Groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Popularity Queens, Floats, Riding Clubs, First Aid Units, etc.

Chicken Barbecue —

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1959 — Come and enjoy Delicious Barbecued Chicken and all the fixin's. Prepared and served by the Williamstown Kiwanis Club, at the Municipal Park, 4 to 7 P. M. Tickets, $1.50. All welcome.

Committee for Chicken Barbecue —oseph F. McWilliams, Chairman; Leo J. Gawin, Robert H. Sharp, Jr., and Robert Eley.

4:00 P. M., Little League Baseball game on the Little League field. Co-chairmen of Athletic Events and Youth Organization displays, Margaret M. Weed and Roger Cassi.

Grand Ball —

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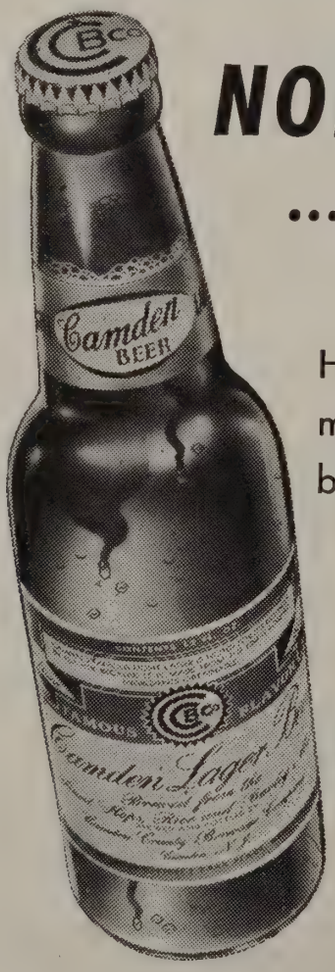

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